

Minutes for Friends of Dimond Library Meeting on July 25, 2020 (Virtual zoom meeting)

Time 11:0 am

In attendance: Sarah Hodgson, Karen Long, Madeleine and Hal Briar, Stephanie Woodbury, Sharon Lawless, Daphne Parson, Karen Marie Schroeder, Gisela Merke, Shahana Sarkar, Mary Schrader, Gen Katz, and Joann Yoshioka.

Karen Long took minutes.

Note: Due to the Covid-19 virus, our meeting was held virtually through zoom and was shorter (40 minutes) with an abbreviated agenda as Dimond Library remains closed except for outside book pickup.

We had a 3 part agenda: 1) Latest library news, 2) A financial report, 3) A report from Friends of Dimond Library with an emphasis on the new plan for a new section of the library garden. We also spent a few minutes initially greeting group members since we had not met since February.

Library Update:

1. Library update from Sarah Hodgson (branch manager). Sarah reported that Dimond Branch Library is one of 6 libraries currently involved with an external book pickup program. Library patrons must reserve a book online @ the OPL website, wait until they receive an email telling them the book is available at Dimond Branch, and then go with a library card to pick it up in a socially distant manner at the library front door. Only 6 library staff members are permitted in the library at any time. The library will probably not be opening for months (unknown time).
2. Other library services/programs: Sarah reminded people that ebooks (Overdrive & Hoopla), movies (Kanopy), magazines and some special programs are available through the library website. Rebekah Eppley has posted a short video on edible weeds. She will also be posting a book reading program on August 19 @ 6:30. Miriam Medow is posting YouTube videos and other social media for streaming online children's story times.

Financial Report: Karen Marie Schroeder gave a brief financial report.

1. FODL has received 5 donations during the past 5 months, four from individuals and one from a company (an employee matching program). She will be writing a check for \$500 to Tricia Christopher for her garden design for the new section of the library garden. The current FODL balance is: \$54,910.
2. The group discussed if library staff might need some additional financial support during the pandemic. Sarah indicated permanent staff were still employed with no salary cuts but there might be some issues with temporary staff. The group asked to be informed if there was any need for staff assistance.

Friends of Dimond Library report: Karen Long

1. Karen thanked the group who volunteered and built a walkway of pavers from the parking lot to the library entry sidewalk in February. It was very popular until the library closed in late March. She also thanked Tom Rose and Suzanne Knott for their weekly effort to cleanup the library grounds. Others have also helped.
2. Garden update for the new section:

- Karen and Sarah gave an update on the art mosaic of a Monarch butterfly in a garden that Deb Koppman is creating for the new section of the library garden by the front entry. It is almost finished, and will need to be installed before the garden plants are placed.
- Tricia Christopher, a local (and excellent) landscape designer met with Karen and Sarah several times to discuss the new garden section. She just finished a garden plant list and plan. This plan was shared with the group who were very enthusiastic about it. The plan and plant list will be sent to the city Public Works/parks and environmental stewards for their approval.
- Karen reviewed a planned timeline for the garden:
- By mid-September, Public works will remove the roots of large shrubs and trees from the garden. They will also regrade part of it for better drainage and planting.
- A small group of socially distant volunteers from FODL will put in a new short pathway thru the garden. The butterfly mosaic needs to be installed. B
- In early October public works will use weed suppressant on the area and place burlap bags over it to eliminate weeds. This is immediately before the planting.
- In October over 2-3 weeks, a small group of volunteers will plant the new plants in the garden according to the garden design.

The meeting ended at 11:40 a.m. Karen and Sarah thanked all those who had attended.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November with the date TBA.