Friends of the Library Meeting 9.14.21

The Friends of the Library meeting began in the new patio area surrounding the Colfax Library. Shirley Cornelius described the project which provides a pleasing area for the public to gather to read, use the internet, and visit. There may be popup meals and coffee sold by vendors from time to time.

After reconvening in The Center, the meeting was called to order by Sue Hallett.

In attendance were Kylie Fullmer, Jil Mohr, Wanda Alderman, Sheri Miller, Kathy Buccolz, Hannah --- , Velma Ulrich , Cheryl Jones, Suzy McNeilly, and Nichole Kopp.

Minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting were read. One correction was made. The minutes discussed a photo contest to be held in October. That contest has been postponed until Oct. 2022. With that correction the minutes were approved by vote.

Under new business the Friends voted to transfer certain funds from Columbia Bank to Potlatch First Federal Credit Union in order to earn more interest and reduce fees. Columbia Bank will still be used for other accounts.

Kathy Buccholz and Hannah --- described the Book Club in a Box project. Currently there are 75 kits with multiple copies of a single book that a book club can check out. These kits have become extremely popular. Kathy and Hannah have researched options for additional kits and asked for \$800 to purchase stronger bags to hold the books. The Friends voted to approve \$800 for this purchase.

Friends COVID volunteers were honored for their service in the Supporter of the Month award. Joyce Leonard, Dana Hogan, Jil Mohr, Polly Anderson, Cheryl Jones, and Sue Hallett worked on clerical tasks in their individual homes during the COVID quarantine.

In Branch Updates, it was noted that Clancy Poole is retiring after 29 years. Sue Hallett will send her a card on behalf of the Friends. Nancy Selk has been hired as the new Endicott librarian.

Winners of the Summer Reading prizes were selected by computer during the meeting.

In the President's Report Sue Hallett announced that she will step down as President at the end of 2021. The Friends needs to recruit a new slate of officers. One suggestion has been to hold meetings in the evening. Another was that morning meetings might be alternated with evening meetings so as to capture both retirees and working people. It was agreed that the group will meet on Oct. 5th to work on recruitment issues only. This will not be a regular business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hallett