

Qathet Friends of the Library - September 16, 2024

In attendance: Doreen Berrington, brownie, Julie Thorne, Rebecca Burbank, Chief Librarian

Absent: Jacquie Donaldson, Joyce Furness, Jose Rodgers

Approval of June 2024 minutes was unanimous.

- Book Cube update for June, July & August
 - Sales were average; decent considering it was summertime.
 - Donation Days. We now have a 3 month handbill with donations days for September, October & November. Some donation days had to be shifted from the 4th Monday regime because of long weekends. The handbills are available at the Front Desk.
 - Thanks to Melani for posting donation dates on the library website and the library screen in the foyer.
 - Book Cube rejects are now mostly going to Big Brothers in Vancouver who sell them to Value Village. City Transfer has agreed to ship them. Details as to how this will work; possible coordination with Kiwanis; possible storage at City Transfer are being worked out.

- Blackberry Festival: Friends (Doreen & brownie) shared the library booth; made \$111 selling local history books.

- Treasurer Report is attached.
 - There was one lifetime membership given out.
 - Credit Union account: \$13,033.62 PS/\$3,890.06 Chq. Total \$17,523.68

- Library News: Karen W. currently a Library Assistant, has been hired as Accessibility Coordinator, for a new library initiative beginning this Fall. This is an important year-long project. The City has an Accessibility Committee and the library as well as the Regional District are members.
 - A successful Summer Reading program has concluded and now begins the Writer-in-Residence program with Robin Stevenson. (September - October 30)
 - The Teen Room has been redesigned with half-wood paneling, bench & cushion seating; it is sturdy and welcoming.
 - Trustees are currently advertising for new board members; they have a regular system of alternate board members' service timing out.

- Winter Book Sale: December 7
 - There is a possibility that neither Jose or brownie will be available so in the next few weeks we will lay out a plan of how the book sale works, appropriate books and pricing.
 - We will start asking for 'gift ready' books at each Donation Day.

- AGM: November is the usual time but because a number of board members may be away, we want to reschedule for January 2025. Doreen pointed out that according to the Societies Act the AGM is usually required within six months of year end, which in our case is March 31. Jacquie or brownie will clarify this.
 - **Next meeting: October 7th 11am**

TASKS for October meeting

- Winter Book Sale Plan:
 - brownie will write out the routine and send to board members
- AGM: Jacquie/brownie to confirm with Registrar about date
- Board members to consider if they are willing to engage for 2025 term
- Contact Sonia & Mel and ask if they'd be willing to be AGM guests. (done)
- Brownie will distribute our updated bylaws.