Hello Friends!

Please complete the poll before the annual meeting presentation begins
Welcome to the 79th Annual Meeting of The Seattle Public Library Friends

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020
Zoom Webinar
Zoom Meeting Information

- This meeting will be recorded
- Video and audio is off for all attendees
- Recommend single view of panelists on the left of screen
- Download and review documents at www.FriendsofSPL.org
- Questions may be submitted in the Zoom Q&A
The Friends of the Seattle Public Library is a non-profit, grassroots organization dedicated to promoting our Library as an essential institution of society and supporting its mission and vision.

Our volunteer members advocate for, educate about, and raise funds on behalf of the Library.

2019-2020 OFFICERS
Miss Beck Hallmann, President
Amy VanderZanden, Vice President
Sue Baird, Secretary
Julie Sandygren, Treasurer

2019-2020 BOARD of TRUSTEES
Wil Anderson
Sue Baird
Bur Davis
Jack Goldberg
Steve Griggs
Beck Hallmann
Kim Love
Erica Norris
Amy O’Donnell
Julie Sandygren
Amy VanderZanden
Rona Zevin

STAFF
Lisa Lee, FriendShop Manager
79th Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
   Welcome
   Reading of the Mission Statement
   Beck Hallmann, Board President
   Amy VanderZanden, Board Vice President

2. Minutes of the 78th Annual Meeting
   Action Item: Approve minutes of the Oct. 20, 2019 Annual Meeting
   Beck Hallmann, Board President

3. Nominating Committee Report
   Action Item: Elect officers, new board members, and re-elect current trustees
   Rona Zevin, Board Trustee

4. Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Amendments
   Action Item: Approve amended language of both the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation
   Kim Love, Board Trustee

5. Treasurer’s Report
   Julie Sandygren, Board Treasurer

continued
6. Special Guest: Jennifer Ott, “Olmsted in Seattle: Creating a Park System for a Modern City”

7. President’s Report
   Overview of Friends’ activities in 2020
   Beck Hallmann, Board President

8. Library Report
   Marcellus Turner, Executive Director & Chief Librarian

9. Friend of the Year Award
   Rona Zevin, Board Trustee

10. Closing Remarks and Adjournment
    Amy VanderZanden, Board Vice President
October 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Review & Approve

Amy Vasko/Zander

ACTION: The slate of new board trustees is elected to the board for 3-year term, was unanimously approved by membership.

Feature Presentation
Board president Steve Griggs introduced Sasanoo Ryan, author and Illustrator of “Seaside Walk Report: An Illustrated Walking Tour Through 23 Seaside Neighborhoods.” Ryan, an library employee spoke briefly of the Friends’ organization and mentioned she had heard rumors about going to the Friends’ book sale when it was at Magnolia Park. Ryan shared how she started creating her urban walks on Instagram, under the handle (downtownseaside) and how, from there, her book was created and published. Ryan described a few of her walks that were in the book, and graciously answered a lot of questions from the audience.

President’s Report
Board president Stephen Griggs thanked Sasanoo Ryan for her time and enthusiasm for the work the Friends do. Griggs went on to give the following highlights of the past year:

- The Friends will be hosting fundraising event at Legacy’s Restaurant tomorrow evening, as part of the Library’s Books-to-Beer program. Everyone’s invited!
- The Better Book sale is from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8 at Santa Fe College.
- The Friends were invited for the first time ever to host a booth at the renowned Santa Fe Antiquarian Book Fair.
- A very successful book sale was held at Treadwell’s Capital III.
- Close to 12,000 annuals are in the 2020 Book Sale held in March at Seaside Central. Revenue from the sale came to $16,990. Griggs thanked hundreds of volunteers who at the big sale and the re-organization as an important part of keeping library in the Santa Fe community.
- The Friends continue to be successful with grant inventory including a new reflective top designed by library employees. Friends’ members receive a 10% discount in the store.

Executive Director and Chief Librarian’s Report
Executive Director and Chief Librarian Martha Turner thanked the Friends Board for their efforts over the past year and that the Library will be unable to continue without the support of the Friends. Turner then turned her attention to the Friends, thanking them again and introducing members of the Executive Committee: Vice President: Kathy Humphreys Secretary: Sue Bizzell Treasurer: Julie Sandberg ACTION: The slate of Officers presented to membership was unanimously approved.

Board trustee Carmen Stendel presented current trustees that are up for reelection: Sue Bizzell, Dwayne Jones, Linda Heiber Groves, Laura Hooper, Joyce Inspirational, Kane Love, and Erika Norris.

Friends’ board president Steve Griggs presented a check for $32,000 to Executive Director and Chief Librarian Martha Turner for the following 2020 programs and initiatives:

- The purchase of new sandwiches around the Friendship to provide marketing opportunities and increased security.
- To archive and digitize the Rev. Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney collection.
- To laminate the Library’s new map collection for protection and usability.
- To archive and digitize a special Seaside Room collection, helping preserve Santa Fe’s history.

Treasurer’s Report
Board treasurer Julie Sandberg reviewed the Friends’ 2019 financial report stating that the 2018 community is competed to 2017. Sandberg noted that the due to losing the venue at the Washington Tasting Book & Brats library for the Friends’ books sale program, operating expenses increased due to the move to a new facility and a substantial increase in monthly rent. Due to these increases, operating contracts with the Library have been suspended for 2 years. Compared to 2017, Book Sale revenue in 2018 has increased slightly for the program’s revenue increase has decreased. The Friends’ who showed a slight decrease overall, sales were strong. ‘The Friends’ gave the Library a total of $53,100 in grant support and another $27,332 to support through its other programs.

Friend of the Year Award
Friends board member Carmen Stendel presented the 2018 Friendship of the Year award to two volunteers, Lenny Sellars and Jonathan Gregson. Sylinda, a volunteer who works as the Friends’ advocacy committee was unable to be there to help pass the Library’s Friends Program. A volunteer for the Book Sale Program not only works once a week at the selling facility but spends hours of volunteer time at the community sales. Both volunteers were nominated by four peers and were very much appreciated by the Friends’ organization.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment
Board trustee Carmen Stendel thanked outgoing board president Steve Griggs for his leadership. Griggs welcomed new board president book Katherine. Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Alice Speyer, FOSFL, Administrative Assistant Sue Bizzell, FOSFL, Secretary.
Officer and Trustee Nominations

Please vote by responding to the Zoom poll.

Current trustees up for re-election (3-year term):
Beck Hallmann
Julie Sandygren

New board trustees to be elected (3-year term):
Samantha Bennett
Aisling Herron
Devon O’Neill

Officers
President: Beck Hallmann
Vice President: Amy VanderZanden
Secretary: Kim Love
Treasurer: Julie Sandygren
Amended Bylaws

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Amended Articles of Incorporation

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- help expand The Library’s facilities,
- increase the services of The Library including all of its branches, and thus
- enrich the educational and diverse cultural opportunities available in Seattle and help promote equity and reduce disparities within the community;

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Financial Graphs

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**Friends of the Seattle Public Library**

**Established in 1941**

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**Advocate. Educate. Support. 2019**

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**Grants to the Library**

- **Books & Materials**: $20,000
- **Security Improvements**: $5,000
- **Community Engagement**: $800

**Total**: $25,800

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**How Funds are Raised**

- **Membership Dues**: 3%
- **Book Sales**: 4%
- **Friendship**: 45%
- **Contributions**: 3%

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**Other Library Support**

- **Totes & Merchandise**: $5,309
- **Levy Campaign Contribution**: $25,000

**Total**: $30,309

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For more information about the Friends' programs and grants to the library, please visit our website at [www.friendsofspl.org](http://www.friendsofspl.org)
Special Guest
Author & Historian
Jennifer Ott,
Assistant Director of
HistoryLink.Org
Friend of the Year

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Thank you Eric Sorlien for being a Friend!
Closing Remarks

- Looking forward, we’re focusing on:
  - Advocacy
  - Equity
  - Youth

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- Q&A
- Thank you for being a Friend!