

FRIENDS OF THE EDMONDS LIBRARY

Monthly Meeting – January 2017

Thursday, January 26, 2017 - 6:00 PM

Edmondslibraryfriends.org

Call to Order: At 6:02PM by President Luke Distelhorst. He updated the group on the new board, website and meeting times, as well as the new co-chairs for the Annual Book Sale and reminded those present to donate books.

Monthly Program: VP of Programs Laura Daniali introduced this month's featured speaker, Emily Hill. Emily regaled the group with a brief overview of her work history in news media relations (and the experiences of working during natural disasters such as the eruption of Mount St. Helens). She is a novelist and Artfully Edmonds columnist for myedmondsnews.com. She enjoys being generous to all arts communities in Edmonds, from high schoolers to local thespians.

Managing Librarian's Report: Richard Suico reported on the new Issues that Matter series on Homelessness and Book-A-Librarian services. He introduced the new sno-isle.bibliocommons.com website that went live February 1st which will incorporate reader reviews and options to share on social media. The Edmonds Library will undergo renovations of the Circulation and Reference desks during one week in April-June.

Minutes: Printed copies for last month's General Meeting were made available and Luke urged members to contact Secretary Katherine Kidwell for any needed corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Don Parris was unable to make the meeting, but Luke informed the group that the Audit Committee will meet next week and will present their findings in February.

Membership Report: VP of Membership Karen Kipper updated those present that the FEL is up to 150 paid members. She is in the process of updating members' preferred email addresses.

Upcoming Monthly Meeting Speakers: Laura gave us a preview of the next two membership meeting speakers:

February 23rd 1:30pm Edmonds Community College International Students from Yemen
March 23rd 6:00pm Nancy Leson, award-winning food writer, radio personality, cooking instructor and public speaker

Volunteer Opportunities: Luke concluded the program with announcements about volunteer opportunities:

- The FEL-Arts Commission poster contest needs a judge
- We are searching for a few members to help review the FEL By-laws and Policies & Procedures
- Anyone who wants to help with special projects such as writing a blog, article, etc.

Adjournment: Luke adjourned the meeting at 6:45PM

UPCOMING DATES

FEL February program: Edmonds Community College International Students, Thursday, February 23, 1:30pm

FEL March program: Nancy Leson, author and food critic, Thursday, March 23, 6:00pm

FEL fundraiser at Gallaghers' Where-U-Brew, Edmonds: Sunday March 26