

Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes
10 February 2025 via Zoom (virtual meeting) & in person at library

Meeting called to order at 13:30 by Lindsay Silver. **Board members present:** Jacek Berka (Zoom), Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo (Zoom), Fran McDermott (Zoom), Lindsay Silver. **Absent:** Betty Shaw.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **Noted for the minutes:** the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Board meeting were approved by email on January 15, 2025 in order to speed up the updating of the 7756 bank signatures for the new debit card.
- **Correspondence/Memberships/Donations:** Thank you letters to PayPal donors and to City of Malin for \$1000 donation to DPIL. Receipt of First Community CU \$300 donation and Soroptimist Club grant application invitation and forms. Receipt of 1099 for interest earned on CD in 2024 of \$1127.99.
- **Review of calendar items:** **February:** need to appoint nominating committee for board members to send list to members by March Quarterly. **March:** report slate of board candidates to membership at Quarterly and in mailings for the Quarterly. **April:** no specific tasks but Awake at 8-ish is April 10.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve January 2025 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- **Bills/reimbursements:** None requested or made.
- **Review of donations from DPIL fall appeals (see attached).** Total: \$3733.85

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- Fran noted the sizable attendance at the January Quarterly on Swainson's Hawk nesting in Butte Valley & the appreciative questions after the presentation.
- Fran is planning a presentation by a speaker from the Patient Advocacy department at Sky Lakes for the March Quarterly, focusing on what services are available. She is considering a presentation on Internet Safety for the June Quarterly focusing on avoidance of and recovery from scams.
- Fran announced the receipt of a \$30,000 grant over 3 years to DPIL from the Sky Lakes Foundation Healthy Kids effort. We're awaiting the first installment.
- Nathalie noted that United Way will be going to an application system for grants starting year after next; FOL should participate as there is interest in United Way in supporting

President's Report: Lindsay Silver w/input from Judy Izzo

- Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman and Lindsay Silver will "chair" the Awake at 8-ish committee; Micki Vandenburg will be invited to assist as well. General comment indicates that last year's edition was a good template for this year's. Perhaps we could see if there's a recording of Amanda Edwards' talk on what FOL does that could run during the event.
- The Dolly Parton books address issue is not bringing folks to library to pick up books - just one person has come. One email bounced and Betty will check on that to see if it was correctly entered. One person responded by email asking how to update address. Betty has responded to her.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: 1713 registered and 2753 have graduated.
- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ receipts have bounced around; snowy and cold weather have reduced shoppers. Gail wanted to send a big thanks to volunteers who made it to BJ for their shifts in spite of weather. Gail announced a sizeable donation of high quality history books; she sold one of them to a bookstore in California for \$85 and these books list on ebay and other places in the hundreds of dollars. Gail is planning a special sale, perhaps just before Father's Day, for these books; additional advertising will be used to encourage history "buffs" to check out the sale.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay Silver reports all seems to be going smoothly. She has one person, Pam Orr, who would like to work but wants to work with someone else; Judy will invite Pam to help her with training new volunteers and to join Judy when she works a shift.

Library Director's Report: Nathalie Johnston

- Nathalie reviewed circulation statistics for the year; some drop in January adult circulation but children's circulation is steady. Digital circulation also decreased. Weather is part of the problem.

- Opening of the Crescent branch has been postponed due to weather and snow amounts - even the snow removal folks couldn't get out of their driveway!
- February 12, personnel from the Oregon Department of Revenue will spend a day at the library helping people with both state or federal income tax questions.
- Nathalie and her staff are in the planning process for a celebration of 25 years as a library district. An event is planned for June and Nathalie would appreciate a volunteer or two from FOL to help with the event. She will bring some of the materials that are being planned to the March Board meeting.

New Business

- No new business was raised

Meeting adjourned at 14:15

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
Friends of the Klamath County Library