

**Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes**  
**15 April 2024 via Zoom (virtual meeting) & in person at library**

Meeting called to order at 13:30 by President Judith Izzo. **Board members present:** Jacek Berka (Zoom), Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo (Zoom), Nathalie Johnston (ex officio), Fran McDermott (Zoom), Larry Powers, Lindsay Silver, Mickie Vandenburg. **Absent:** Betty Shaw

President Judith Izzo opened the meeting at 13:30 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve the minutes of the 18 March 2024 Board meeting.
- **MSP** to approve the minutes of the 20 March 2024 Quarterly membership meeting.
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: 2 PayPal donations. Outgoing: Two email thank yous for PayPal donations.
- Review of calendar items: April: Decide on Klamath Promise Scholarship. Discussion followed outlining what we'd done before and whether we should donate more. **MSP:** FOL will donate \$1000 to Klamath Promise scholarships to be divided between two recipients whose parents had not attended college. May: Decide on continuation of DPIL, begin 2024-25 budget preparation. June: Elect Board officers, approve payment for insurance policies.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** March 2024 Financial Statement approved;
- Reimbursements: \$49.79 to Elaine Deutschman for postage & envelopes

**Vice President's Report:** Fran McDermott

- Fran noted that the speaker at June's Quarterly membership meeting set for June 19<sup>th</sup> will be Nathan Ganong giving a talk about his many and varied travel experiences entitled "Getting High".
- Nathalie Johnston pointed out the library will be closed June 19<sup>th</sup> in honor of Juneteenth holiday. Fran will contact Nathan about a change of date, possibly to June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**President's Report:** Judy Izzo

- Awake at 8-ish event update: Discussion ensued regarding what we should serve, how we should serve coffee (make it ourselves or buy coffee serving kits from a local provider), activities we will have, mostly in the Bookie Joint. Books will be for sale during the event; Gail Brock will "man" the cash box. Mickie Vandenburg is providing donut holes; Judy Izzo will provide an assortment of grapes; Elaine Deutschman will take care of ordering/picking up mini-muffins at Sherm's (FOL pays).. Email discussion following the meeting resulted in the decision to purchase coffee kits from Braveda instead of using Keurig pods/pots. No motion to set aside funds for the event as we really are committed and have donations from Board members to cover most expenses. FOL will cover remainder.
- Judy provided a short summary of her April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Rural Organizing Project; there were about 140 attendees. Several topics were discussed there: libraries, immigration, tenant rights, migrant support etc. Judy will use the group as a source of info when library issues arise; she sees no need for FOL to join.
- Policy revisions: Judy thanked the committee members for their work and Larry Powers for his re-writing/formatting sections of the policy document. Judy wants to add a new section on financial oversight as it relates to Bookie Joint proceeds. Additionally, she'd like to incorporate a section on volunteering processes including application and training with more description of what it means to become a volunteer. Larry offered that such information might be better included with the volunteer application rather than in the more formal policy document that is available on the KCL website and on the FOL Google drive. Judy also would like Lindsay Silver, the volunteer coordinator, to spend some time in the Bookie Joint with the individual volunteers.
- Pamphlet on procedures and position descriptions: Larry has asked Lindsay, Gail and Judy to get Bookie Joint and Bookie Joint volunteer procedures to him to develop a handout for volunteers.

**Committee Reports:**

- **DPIL:** We have 1770 active kids, 2330 have graduated. Latest invoice from Dolly Foundation shows that

"somebody" is paying half our expenses - we're assuming it's the state.

- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ goes on and on. Gail is catching up after being out of town and is again taking donations.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay reports that the May schedule is done.

**Library Director's Report: Nathalie Johnston**

- Adult circulation has increased markedly over 2023. Nathalie attributes this to library card holders having to come to the library to renew their cards and learning the library has all sorts of things they'd like to check out.
- A seed exchange/library continues to be popular and there is now a puzzle library as well - patrons may borrow/exchange puzzles at will. The puzzle table with a partially completed puzzle draws many folks to add a piece or two; library staff change out completed puzzles for new challenges.
- Nathalie detailed the extensive list of library activities for all ages going on during April.
- The open hearing on the library budget will be before the commissioners on May 7 at 11:15 am.
- The library has been given permission and has money to buy the vacant lot across the alley from the library to use for outdoor summer reading program and other activities. It will be fenced and open only when the library has an event scheduled there.
- Strategic planning for 2025 and beyond is just getting underway.
- Staff in-service May 17<sup>th</sup> so library will be closed.

**New Business:**

- Anyone seen the box of FOL business cards? No one has so Elaine will do more looking.
- We need to discuss whether we want to participate in Third Thursday this summer.
- Children's Learning Fair at Fairgrounds - should FOL advertise DPIL there. Nathalie reports the library always has staff there and they do have DPIL registration forms.

Meeting adjourned at 14:45

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary  
Friends of the Klamath County Library