

Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes
15 June 2026 via Zoom (virtual meeting) & in person at library

Present: Jacek Berka (Zoom), Gail Brock, Linda Deacon, Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo, Nathalie Naveau (*ex officio*), Ardath McDermott, Fran McDermott (Zoom), Betty Shaw, Lindsay Silver (Zoom)

Call to Order: Judith Izzo called the meeting to order at 13:30.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 18 May 2026 Board meeting as emailed to members are approved.
- The amended Bylaws are now on FOL's Google drive.
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: Correspondence: None. PayPal donation: Amy da Saro
- New password for FOL's Google drive was given to Board members; changeover is 15 June 2026 in the evening.
- **Review of calendar items:** Board officers for fy2026-2027 to be elected today. Volunteer hours for the fy2025-2026 to be reported to Nathalie soon. Board meeting dates for next year set (& will be on the FOL Google drive): September 21, October 19, November 16, January 11, February 8, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21. The suggested Quarterly meeting dates: September 13, January 10, March 14, and June 13; could be changed to accommodate presenters. Reminder: July 17 is the Dutch Bros Give-Back day for DPIL; at this time, there are no "duties" for FOL Board members.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve May 2026 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- **Bills/reimbursements:** Insurance of \$1955.00 will be paid as soon as the extent of coverage we need is settled - we're dropping personal property coverage as we have no property.
- **MSP:** Budget for fy2026 -2027 as emailed to Board members; it is on the FOL Google drive as well.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- Fran reviewed the Quarterly on Butterflies that Wes Stone gave on June 14th - most attendees were FOL Board members with just a few non-Board members. The one person who requested the Zoom link did not join but one person to whom Elaine sent the link did and enjoyed the presentation. Continuation of Zoom in the future was questioned but Fran noted that notification for the meeting was sent out later than she would have liked and that may have affected attendance. Earlier notification will be the goal for future meetings.
- Fran talked a bit about upcoming Quarterly dates - see above.
- Grant matters: Thus far, no response from Soroptimist application; that seems to be the case with a lot of local grant applications. Fran is now working on a Sunflower Grant which is an unrestricted general operating award offered by The Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation for smaller grassroots and emerging Oregon nonprofits through OCF. It provides awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per year, specifically targeted at organizations with annual operating budgets near or under \$250,000. (Added later: FOL has passed the eligibility requirements for this grant and we are awaiting notification on a yes or no.) The last she heard from Pacific Power regarding her application is that FOL passed their eligibility "test" and we'd hear more in 3 to 4 months - too early yet.

President's Report: Judy Izzo

- Should FOL institute a mileage reimbursement for the driving Board members do for the organization? Current US government reimbursement rate is \$0.75 per mile. Nathalie offered information about how difficult it is to claim that reimbursement. She also raised the question about whether a non-profit which gets donation money can spend that money to reimburse its volunteers for mileage. Return to this question in the fall when we may have had time to research the requirements for spending donated money that way and what kind of record keeping is involved in claiming a reimbursement.
- The Bookie Joint, Board involvement, and Judy's participation: as a volunteer, as a trainer, and as President of FOL. Judy's health issues - her fall with a concussion and her macular degeneration with deteriorating vision - have caused her to think about how much she can contribute to the Bookie Joint. She decided to develop a training handbook for new volunteers that could be used in their training. She wants that document in the Bookie Joint with other documents for volunteers (she didn't find a copy on one occasion). She will no longer serve in the Bookie Joint as a volunteer or a trainer due to vision and mobility issues. With that in mind, Judy is asking all members of the Board to serve as volunteers in the Bookie Joint - either on their appointed

schedule, as a substitute when needed, or as a trainer at their regular shift.

- Plans for fund raising for the fall: Judy reviewed what we've done in the past two years. Judy asked for comments from Board members regarding how to proceed. Judy suggests a letter to previous donors to thank them and explain what we've done with the donations.
- Do we need to do more personal outreach presentations as we do with Bonanza Lions, Merrill Lions, City of Malin, etc.? Nathalie noted that the number of members in civic groups is decreasing and some groups are disappearing altogether.
- Judy has recently talked with the new reporter for the Herald and News. She suggested she do an article on FOL and the library; Judy will follow up with her.
- Nathalie suggests we consider raising the price of books in the Bookie Joint - our prices are quite low when compared to prices in other library used-book stores.
- Election of Board Officers: President, Judy Izzo; Vice President, Fran McDermott; Secretary, Elaine Deutschman; Acting Treasurer, Elaine Deutschman. **MSP:** Election of all was moved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: Betty Shaw reports 1607 current registrants and 3361 graduates. Judy and Ardath will represent DPIL at Bly Health Fair; Judy will bring her own chairs and a big hat.
- **Bookie Joint:** Gail reports kids books are on sale to tie-in with Summer Reading Program opening. She noted the refrigerator for Joe-to-Go is very noisy - would be nice to turn it off. Otherwise, BJ goes on and on as usual.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Still 4 slots open. Added a new volunteer and lost one this past month.

Library Director's Report:

- Summer Reading Program starts 6/15/26. There are huge crocheted chickens in several places in town, including the library branches. A patron gets a raffle ticket for finding a chicken.
- Library is installing bike racks below the disabled walk-up to discourage the collection of young men (some with dogs) that "sets-up" on the sidewalk on the Klamath Ave. side of the library - smoking and arguments occur and some library patrons are uneasy walking by the "collection".

New Business

- Ardath shared her newly-designed flyers for volunteers for the Bookie Joint. Discussion of letter coloring and paper color for printing followed. She will get them printed with help from Nathalie. Vary the color of paper.

Meeting adjourned at 15:10

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
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