

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

Meeting called to order at 13:30 by Fran McDermott: Jacek Berka (Zoom), Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo (Zoom), Fran McDermott, Betty Shaw, Lindsay Silver. Guests: Ardath McDermott, Amanda Edwards, Assistant Librarian

Call to Order: Fran McDermott, Vice President. She introduced a guest, Ardath McDermott, who may be interested in joining the Board. Fran then turned the meeting over to Amanda Edwards, Assistant Librarian, who outlined library activities for Banned Book month (all of October) and her plans for a "Right to Read" community get-together near the end of October. She is inviting (encouraging) FOL Board members to be present to acquaint attendees about FOL, DPIL and the Bookie Joint. Final date and time will be communicated to FOL Board members as soon as it is set in the library schedule.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 16 June 2025 Board meeting.
- **Correspondence/Memberships/Donations:** Thank you cards from scholarship recipients were shared with Board members. Thank you letters & emails were sent to all donors. Name-change of Umpqua Bank to Columbia Bank was noted. October 19-25 is National Friends of Library Week - no special activities are planned by FOL.
Donations: Madeline Martin, \$25 to S. Suburban; two regular PayPal donations from Amy deSaro and Nicole Brewer; Soroptimist Club - \$1200 to DPIL; Rachel Wood - \$20 to DPIL; Billy Redd - \$1000 to DPIL; Sheila Davis - \$10 to DPIL; Linnea Gardner - \$10 to FOL (monthly)
- **Review of calendar items:** Nothing pressing for September; in October, fund-raising letter for late fall needs to be developed (see below).

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve June, July and August 2025 Financial Statements as emailed to members
- **Bills/reimbursements:** CPA for tax preparation: \$310. State of Oregon CT-12 taxes: \$103. Postage for Quarterly and taxes: \$41.31. One-month Zoom account for Quarterly: \$16.99 (to Jacek Berka)
- CPA letter to Board/members approving handling of financial recording - on the Drive.
- **MSF** Request from Chamber of Commerce to renew ad in their Relocation Guide for \$500

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- Recap of September 14, 2025 Quarterly with Stefan Savides as speaker. About 20 people attended; many compliments on the presentation were heard. The Bookie Joint was open after the meeting but not a lot of people took advantage.
- At this time, it appears that Ron Larsen will speak at the March Quarterly; January Quarterly is still a work in progress - Fran asked for ideas from Board members. A presentation by the tribes who sponsored the youngsters' float trip down the Klamath River was suggested.

President's Report: Judy Izzo (on Zoom)

-  Should we continue to use Zoom for Quarterly meetings? Discussion of the future of Quarterly meetings and their format should be a topic for future meeting.
- Most important issue at this time is development of a fund-raising letter to be sent to businesses and others this fall. Judy has asked Lindsay Silver and Fran McDermott to develop that letter. A lightly edited version of last year's letter was shared with Board members as was a brief version of a less-formal letter developed by Gemini (Google AI program). The newly-formed committee will develop a new letter over the next month.
- Judy wants to update the mailing list but it doesn't seem necessary to buy a new Chamber of Commerce mail list; Judy specifically wants to add more credit unions.
- Judy will be addressing the Quota Club in October, explaining DPIL. She will also attend the Kiwanis Club of Klamath Falls luncheon where she's expected to be given \$1000 for DPIL
- Regarding training of Bookie Joint volunteers: should we ask experienced volunteers to do some training (Judy has been handling this task on her own and is beginning to find it burdensome)? Currently have had a number of resignations from the Bookie Joint volunteer team so training will be important as we bring others on.
- Brief discussion of the Bookie Joint Emergency Protocol: basically, a volunteer should first call 911 and when time permits, inform library staff.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIIL:** Current registrations: Betty Shaw reported that there are currently 1691 youngsters getting books and 3025 have graduated from the program. Judy and Elaine attended a gathering sponsored by the organization for developmentally disabled individuals in the community with the thought that we might find youngsters who would benefit from joining DPIIL - we were not very successful - perhaps 3 or 4 forms were given out (but we had a good lunch).
- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ goes on and on. Gail continues putting a cart of free books outside when possible (and the cart is in the BJ when she can't put it outside); it garners lots of interest and moves books that are too old or perhaps too tattered to sell.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** The BJ volunteer numbers have recently dropped due to resignations; Lindsay is recruiting new people and will coordinate their training.

Library Director's Report: Nathalie Naveau was away on vacation so no "Director's Report".

New Business

- No additional items of new business were offered.

Meeting adjourned at 14:21

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
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