

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

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

**Call to Order:** Judith Izzo called the meeting to order at 13:30. She summarized the recent letter she sent to Bookie Joint volunteers regarding the need for board members and a treasurer. Linda Deacon, a Bookie Joint volunteer, responded by attending the meeting today to see if she might be interested in joining the Board.

**Secretary's Report:** Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 9 February 2026 Board meeting as emailed to members.
- **Correspondence/Memberships/Donations:** Correspondence: No significant correspondence - postal patron mailers. Insurance company letter warned of upcoming renewal & requested updated contact information.
- **Donations:** PayPal donation from Amy daSaro and check from Bernie Wood. No new memberships.
- **Review of calendar items:** Elaine quickly reviewed the items from the agenda, noting that P.O. Box renewal will come in May as will decision on whether or not to continue supporting DPIL. Discussion of nominating committee occurred later in the meeting. Discussion at this meeting on whether we support Klamath Promise scholarship will occur during the President's report (see below). Should we send out "renewal" notices to non-life members - we have many people on our "roster" who haven't paid dues for several years - we've done this in previous Aprils. Some board members think we should try to alert folks, at least those for whom we have emails, that annual dues are expected; Elaine says she can put something together. Judy, instead, says she planned to write a letter to email members about the need for board members and a treasurer and she could incorporate a dues request in that note. Nathalie suggests putting a link to PayPal account in letter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve February 2026 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- **Bills/reimbursements:** Reimbursed Jacek Berka for Zoom charges for March Quarterly meeting.
- **Interim activity:** Elaine introduced all board members to Linda Deacon so she'd know whom she was meeting. Linda did make a point about flyers - a lot of people would prefer a flyer they could take with them as they forget what they've read on a posted flyer; that may be something we want to consider in putting out flyers about FOL events. Maybe postcards about events would be a better way to go, especially at the Senior Center; easier to pick up and take with.

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

- The March Quarterly (3/15/26) was well attended; there was a lot of interest in Albert LK and Ron Larson's presentation judging by questions after the talk. Fran thanked library staff for helping set up the presentation electronics.
- June Quarterly is set for Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Grant update:** Fran is working on an application to Pacific Power Foundation as they have a grant program focusing on literacy and reading in young children; one has to apply to be allowed to apply. She will ask for a \$5000 grant. Soroptimist's grant application has been submitted (including a handwritten application, of all things).

**President's Report:** Judy Izzo

- Judy clarified the request we got in our email from a national speakers' consortium; upon Nathalie's suggestion that people here don't usually attend online presentations where they can't meet an author in person, Judy will transmit our non-interest. Judy did comment that KCL's schedule includes an authors' event; Nathalie noted that about 23 southern Oregon authors will be at the library for a meet and greet - a new effort that might be repeated if public interest warrants.
- Judy checked in with Ardath about her efforts to deliver publicity and DPIL registration forms. She had a lot of interest from Integral Youth Services (who took all applications for DPIL that Ardath had with her). Ardath has made a list of about 17 places we should take flyers for events - some for children and some for adults. At the Senior Center, she finds placing flyers on the table where folks sign in for lunch so folks can take a flyer with them rather than looking at one flyer on the bulletin board. Fran suggested we might include the Children's Museum in the distribution list for children's events and DPIL.

- Klamath Promise Scholarship donation - should FOL donate or not? The purpose and the mission of FOL is really library-specific; our donors expect money they give to FOL to be spent supporting library programs or DPIL. Our donations to other groups need to fit with those expectations. So, is donating to Klamath Promise Scholarship within our mission? Judy's reading of the booklet from the state Attorney General's office on requirements and her attendance at the webinar on what FOL can do legally, as a non-profit, have convinced her that such a donation does not fit donors' expectations. Discussion followed: maybe we could re-think our purpose and work in the scholarship at some future time. Stretching our current purpose to cover a scholarship seems a big stretch. Gail asked about covering a library intern as we have done in the past. Nathalie says the person who handled that program from the schools is no longer in that position; no one has picked up that program at this point. Nathalie has no objection to an intern but the school system has to be involved as well - that's currently not happening. Elaine will contact the Klamath Promise coordinator and explain that IRS rules and our donors' expectations preclude our donating to the scholarship fund.

#### Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: Betty Shaw reports 1675 current registrants and 3233 graduates. The state coordinator for DPIL Oregon met with FOL Board members on March 4<sup>th</sup> to let us know what's up and to learn what we might need from that office; productive meeting with lots of info from Kaylee Chrystal (state DPILOR coordinator). She indicated that Klamath County has a very good percentage of its under 5 year-olds signed up. The entire state of Oregon is now participating. The authorizing legislation for DPILOR did pass the legislature and has been signed by the governor. Nathalie continues working with Merrill/Malin Headstart to enroll the many migrants who use that program; she will go to their facility in April. She keeps emphasizing that one doesn't need a form to sign up - best to use the QR code and web page.
- **Bookie Joint:** BJ recently received a huge donation of "true-crime" books which Gail is using for a BOGO sale for at least a week or perhaps two weeks, depending on how they sell. Elaine reported on the BOGO coupon program at the Bookie Cart: she put out 10 coupons; 3 remained when she removed them after expiration date but none showed up in the BJ cash box so perhaps people took them but didn't get back to BJ when they were good. Will try again with a mid-April date in an attempt to introduce more people to the BJ who might never come there from the library.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay was unable to attend this meeting but reports that we are still short two volunteers for first and third Saturdays. Current volunteers are covering those slots for now as Lindsay looks for new volunteers.

#### Library Director's Report:

- Circulation figures and library patron-attendance remain steady; more people are coming into the Klamath libraries this year - perhaps 1600 more than a year ago. Programs are attracting patrons.
- Nathalie wanted to highlight the many special programs and activities happening at the library such as the authors' meet and greet on the 29th, a special screening of "The Forsytes" from Southern Oregon PBS, the "Arts for All" sessions which are attracting more people than can be accommodated, the "Doc Talk" which patrons seem to really enjoy as well as the murder mystery evenings for both adults and separately, for youngsters.
- Nathalie noted that the library was given a Ford Family grant of \$5000 which is being used, in conjunction with library funds, to purchase new, updated computers for the children's section (they have no connection to the internet) to replace the rapidly "aging" machines there now.
- The County Commissioners have finally signed off on a RFP for developing the Community Courtyard. There will be a walk-through for interested contractors in the next week and perhaps a ground-breaking in June. Nathalie would like to see completion by October 2026.

#### New Business

- No additional items of new business were offered.

Meeting adjourned at 14:40

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary  
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