

Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes
17 June 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, Nathalie Johnston (*ex officio*), Fran McDermott (Zoom), Lindsay Silver, Betty Shaw. **Absent:** Larry Powers

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve the minutes of the 20 May 2024 Board meeting.
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: Thank yous from two scholarship awardees at Klamath Promise; 2 PayPal donations. \$37.48 in cash for DPIL from box in Bookie Joint; \$103 in cash for Bonanza Library.
Outgoing: Two email thank yous for PayPal donations
- Review of calendar items: **June:** Elect Board officers (by email after June Quarterly); complete budget.
- Board approved doing a postcard/email request for membership renewals at end of fiscal year

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** May 2024 Financial Statement
- Reimbursements: None presented at this meeting
- Final development of budget for FY2024-2025. Nathalie presented a DPIL budget worksheet; she suggested that FOL transfer \$10,000 to DPIL during the upcoming fiscal year as funds in the DPIL account will run low before the year is out; we need about \$24,170 to complete the year as DPIL costs us about \$2000 a month; our DPIL donations are not enough to cover expenses. She also noted that it's good PR to show that FOL is supporting DPIL with funds. Fran McDermott, who has been our "grants" officer, indicated that there will probably be grants available to help with DPIL funding from sources we've used before; she will begin investigating options. The draft budget presented for discussion was amended to add the \$10,000 transfer to DPIL. **MSP** to adopt amended budget as presented (see attached). Elaine will get signatures on the budget document and put it on the Google Drive.
- **MSP** to purchase the Chamber of Commerce mailing list for \$50. Nathalie suggested we send a letter to Chamber members in late September or early October as they begin to think of tax significance of contributions. Focus of the letter should be introduction of FOL and ways to help the library. Perhaps a follow up postcard in November or inclusion of these names in a fall request for DPIL funds would be useful.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- Fran reminded that the speaker at June's Quarterly membership meeting will be Nathan Ganong giving a talk about his many and varied travel experiences entitled "Getting High". Nathalie and Betty Shaw noted no postcards had been sent out to those members who prefer snail mail to email announcements; they agreed to take care of that immediately.
- September's meeting will be about Lake Abert (in Lake County) by Ron Larson who has written a book on the Natural History of Lake Abert.

President's Report: Judith Izzo

- Decision on participation in Third Thursday in downtown Klamath Falls. Larry Powers has talked with the president of the Shaw Library about FOL joining their table for one Third Thursday this summer. Larry had suggested the July 18th event. **MSP** that FOL participate in the July Third Thursday event (July 18th) in conjunction with the Shaw Library. Discussion centered around what we should emphasize at the event; the Bookie Joint and membership in FOL should be primary goals but the Dolly Parton sign should be there to attract visitors though promoting DPIL would not be chief effort.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** We have 1787 active kids, 2434 have graduated. Nathalie again thanked Betty Shaw for entering new registrations into the DPIL system.
 - Elaine asked if we should conduct an appeal for DPIL funds in the late fall as we've done in the past (though we did not do one in fall 2023). The Board concurred that such a request go forward with emphasis on the fact that FOL is still responsible for half the cost of DPIL even though the State of Oregon is now picking up half the cost.
- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ goes on and on. Not much else to report.

- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay reports that the July schedule is done. She has resolved the scheduling issue she'd had; she's numbering days instead of weeks in scheduling. There are plenty of volunteers to cover the days the BJ is open.

Library Director's Report: Nathalie Johnston

- Adult circulation continues to increase markedly over 2023; circulation numbers are back up to pre-pandemic numbers and continue to grow. The library is a very busy place.
- Summer Reading Program sign-ups started this week and activities will begin next week; each Wednesday there will be a special program - magicians, big trucks, gardening etc - connected to the Summer Reading Program.
- The property next door on 3rd street has been purchased; Nathalie has met with landscape architects to see how the property will be developed and several concepts and ideas have been discussed. It will be used primarily for Summer Reading Program activities.

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 14:32

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
Friends of the Klamath County Library