

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

Meeting called to order at 13:30 by Judith Izzo: Jacek Berka (Zoom), Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo, Nathalie Naveau (*ex officio*), Ardath McDermott, Fran McDermott (Zoom), Betty Shaw, Lindsay Silver. Guest: Amanda Edwards

Call to Order: Judith Izzo called the meeting to order at 13:30. She called on Amanda Edwards, Assistant Librarian, who outlined three grants she's applying for using the 501(c)3 status of FOL as the sponsoring applicant.

- **MSP:** FOL will act as the fiscal sponsor for an Oregon Cultural Trust grant application of up to \$2000 through the Klamath Cultural Coalition; this grant would be used to develop and execute an "Art for All" program to bring art experiences of all types to teens and adults in Klamath County; classes to be held at the library.
- **MSP:** FOL will act as the fiscal sponsor for a Ford Family Foundation grant application for half the cost of new computers for the children's section of the main and south suburban branches of the library. Current computers are aging, many are no longer functional, several do not have the technical capabilities to utilize newer software.
- **MSP:** FOL will act as the fiscal sponsor for a \$10,000 grant application to the Pizza Hut foundation to increase outreach to non-library-using families. Books will be purchased for the youngsters in these families. Additionally, funding would be used for part of the summer reading program. The program would be aimed at all ages but primary ages for children would be 3 years to 12 years. Perhaps a program similar to the community baby shower would be used to disburse materials.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 20 October 2025 Board meeting with correction of month for last Quarterly meeting from the minutes emailed to members.
- **Correspondence/Memberships/Donations:** Correspondence: A letter from new winery in Merrill (Volcanic Winery) with coupon for free tasting (given to Nathalie Naveau for staff giveaway); review of outgoing email thank yous for donations
- Donations: PayPal donations of \$37.97 to DPIL and \$10 to FOL
- Review of calendar items: November: taxes that are due have been taken care of (990 Federal and CT-12 State). Mailing of fall fund raising letters completed. Chamber of Commerce dues due. December: no board meeting, no "chores". January: Board meeting on 2nd Monday due to MLK holiday; CD renewal; business registration for the state.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve October 2025 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- **Bills/reimbursements:** **MSP:** Pay 2026 dues to Chamber of Commerce dues of \$155
- **MSP:** when FOL CD comes due in January, it will be rolled into new 1-year CD at whatever rate the bank offers.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- January program not yet set - she and Ardath are interested in a local birder who has expertise on bald eagles, and has a very interesting Facebook page. Fran will try to contact him as a possible speaker. Meeting time has been moved to Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 2 pm.
- At this time, it appears that Ron Larsen will speak at the March Quarterly
- In order for FOL to move its Quarterly meetings from the 3rd Wednesday of September, January, March and June, the FOL Policies must be amended. Board members felt such a change, omitting the day and which week, in the prescribed meeting times would be a good change. Fran will amend the Policy section 2 to reflect that change; the new wording will be sent to Board members for an email vote before Christmas so a change in January can be effected.
- Board members who have not yet signed Conflict of Interest and Youth Protection Policies, and the Volunteer Agreement need to do so and get the signed copies to Elaine for scanning to the Drive. Anyone who has signed the last two as part of his/her Bookie Joint service needn't sign additional copies.

President's Report: Judy Izzo

- Judy acquainted Board members with an offer from the Chamber of Commerce to help find Board members for

non-profits in the county as the Chamber hears from business leaders that they're willing to step up. Judy contacted Heather at the Chamber to inform her about FOL's need for Board members and perhaps a treasurer/bookkeeper. No responses at this time.

- Judy is always casting about for ways to increase Board members' growth and development; ideas from Board members are always welcome.
- Outreach efforts are lagging - we need more in-person appeals to groups like Lions Clubs, town/city governing boards, other non-profits etc. She would welcome volunteers to step up as she is unable to drive any longer. Elaine offered to present if someone else will contact groups.
- Judy checked with Lindsay Silver to see how having current Bookie Joint volunteers train new applicants is going; Lindsay replied that it seems to be going well - no one up for training just now.
- **Committee Reports:**
- **DPL:** Current registrations: Betty Shaw reported that there are currently 1680 youngsters getting books and 3095 have graduated from the program. Nathalie has recently "cleaned" the data base, eliminating duplicates and children who've left the area.
- **Bookie Joint:** BJ goes on about as usual; current special is 'poetry" as the library has just weeded that section and donated a lot of nice books.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** There are no new volunteers in the queue; everything is running pretty smoothly. The Bookie Joint will be closed Christmas Eve as the library will be closing early.

Library Director's Report:

- Circulation figures and library patron-attendance remain robust - fluctuation with weather but visitation is good.
- The "Aging Journey" program is moving from the Senior Center to the Library and a Veteran's Meet-up is underway - no special activities - just a chance for veterans to get together in a warm, quiet place.
- Special craft sessions before the holidays: sock gnomes and crocheted snowmen. Lots of December activities for children during December when they are out of school
- The contest for an art installation out near the terrace continues into next year - no entrants to date.
- Awaiting the County Commissioners to sign-off on the matching grant from State Parks for development of the Library Community Courtyard.

New Business

- No additional items of new business were offered.

Meeting adjourned at 14:45

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
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