

**Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes**  
**18 March 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), Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo, Nathalie Johnston (ex officio), Fran McDermott (Zoom), Larry Powers, Betty Shaw, Lindsay Silver. **Absent:** Gail Brock, Mickie Vandenburg

President Judith Izzo opened the meeting at 13:30 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve the minutes of the 12 February 2024 Board meeting.
- **Correspondence/Memberships/Donations:** Incoming: Annual insurance review of services used (none), ads. One new Life Member: Richard Touslee. Three donations - 2 PayPal and one from Madeline Martin for South. Outgoing: Two email thank yous for PayPal donations and one letter for Madeline Martin's donation.
- Review of calendar items: **March:** notify members of candidates for Board. Elaine will draft a letter to be sent by email or snail mail with names of candidates and an invitation to members to become candidates or nominate someone. **April:** Decided not to send membership renewal requests as we did last April. Awake @ 8-ish event on April 25<sup>th</sup> - discussion below.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** February 2024 Financial Statement approved;
- Reimbursements: \$104 to Betty Shaw for postage
- **MSP** for payment for post office box rental not to exceed \$240; will come due the end of April or early May.
- Elaine reminded the Board that our insurance of about \$1800 will be due in June. Larry queried our coverages and Judy said she'd find the list and share it with the Board.

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

- Fran reminded board members the March Quarterly meeting will be on recycling in conjunction with Earth Day, given by the Outreach Coordinator from Waste Management. Fran encouraged Board members to come with questions on recycling.
- Fran attended a meeting on 15 February about the newly funded statewide Imagination Library which will go into effect in April 2024. It is only a 2-year commitment; hopefully it will be renewed. The support FOL now gets from the Rippey Foundation will then come from the State of Oregon and the Rippey Foundation will step away from donating to FOL. Goal for the program is 65% of Oregon kids up to age 5 enrolled; currently, only about 25% are in DPIL programs statewide.

**President's Report:** Judy Izzo

- Judy has been asked by the Rural Organizing Project to speak to them about what happened this past summer with the commissioners requiring the library to shut down certain of its book clubs. Judy further noted that FOL may want to become a Humane Dignity Group for the rural Organizing Project; board members had questions regarding that and she will find out more when she attends meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Judy asked how the Board felt about considering an endowment. Nathalie noted that the Library Foundation has about 10 times the money FOL would have in an endowment in their foundation endowment. The general reaction is that FOL is not ready to consider an endowment at this time.
- Judy asked what FOL should do with its portable computer - no one is currently using it. It was suggested that Mickie Vandenburg might be interested in having it as she has no computer capability but her absence left the question open. Judy will contact Mickie.
- The Nominating Committee has not formally met but every current board member has agreed to be a candidate for a board position (except Mickie and Gail who were absent). Elaine will send out a list of all current board members as candidates and invite members to nominate others; emphasis on the need for a bookkeeping-style treasurer will be included.
- Video game/high value item committee report: Jacek did an analysis of the video games currently awaiting disposal from the library (about 15 in number) and estimates a value of ~\$369. Lindsay Silver learned after the meeting that there will be no Comic Con at KCC this year so selling them there is not an option. The disposition of these games remains unresolved.
- Policy revisions: Larry Powers has reformatted and tightened the presentation of FOL policies; board members

should send him any suggestions or feedback on his edits. Thereafter, a pamphlet can be developed to acquaint both new and long-serving board members with the duties of each of the positions on the Board.

- **Awake at 8-ish discussion:** We should keep our expenses to a minimum and simplify our serving of refreshments as much as possible. Judy will check on the cost of muffins; we can purchase and serve grapes and other fruits ourselves. We will purchase one of the new Klamath Library bags to add to the one the library is donating; these can be filled with gifts like water bottles, Bookie Joint gift certificates, etc and information items like BJ bookmarks, FOL applications, library card applications etc. We will offer a library tour (by Wes) after the get-together. Someone will address the group briefly about FOL, BJ and DPIL. No money was set aside for the event at this time until a better idea of costs is available.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **DPIL:** We have 1802 active kids, 2283 have graduated. Finances are in good shape. Betty Shaw has agreed to enter data for new registrants to DPIL and is meeting with Nathalie for orientation.
- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ goes on and on. Not much new and exciting. Gail is out of town so no new donations, please.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay reports that the April schedule is done. One person has volunteered but there are some reservations about her approach to being a volunteer. Lindsay and Judy will follow up.

#### **Library Director's Report: Nathalie Johnston**

- Adult circulation has increased markedly over 2023.
- Many spring break activities for kids, including food which some youngsters don't get much of when school is out. Programs for all age groups will be available.
- A seed exchange/library has been set up; patrons may exchange seeds they've saved for different varieties or take some seeds that others have left.

#### **New Business:**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 15:00

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary  
Friends of the Klamath County Library