

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

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

Call to Order: Judith Izzo called the meeting to order at 13:30.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 20 April 2026 Board meeting as emailed to members are approved.
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: Correspondence: None. PayPal donation: Amy da Saro
- **Review of calendar items:** May: decision on continued support for DPIL funding (see below); discussion of worksheet for FOL budget for fy2026-2027 (see below). June: prepare ballot for and vote on Board membership at June Quarterly; elect board officers at June Board meeting; approve budget for fy2026-2027.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve April 2026 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- **Bills/reimbursements:** None
- Budget analysis for FOL for fy2026-2027: A suggested budget for the next fiscal year had been sent to members with documentation for this board meeting. Discussion/explanations followed: it appears that we need to transfer \$10,000 this fiscal year (2025-2026) for DPIL in order to insure that expenses for next year are covered - Elaine will do that. Most items in the budget for this fiscal year came in pretty close to the budgeted amounts - both in terms of expenses and income - so budgeting for the next fiscal year will look pretty much like this year's. The one difference: \$750 was budgeted for the Bookie Joint but no expenses were incurred as replacements for the street signs were not purchased; that item will be returned to the budget for fy2026-2027 as signs need replacement/upgrading. The final budget will be presented to the board for approval at the June board meeting.
- Insurance for FOL: one of the companies with whom we had a Personal Property policy is no longer writing policies in Oregon. Our insurance agent is seeking a replacement policy with a couple of companies and will report to me before our policies come due on June 18, 2026. Agent said we should expect costs to increase.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- June Quarterly is set for Sunday, June 14th. Speaker is Wes Stone; topic is Butterflies while Birding, on Basin butterflies.
- A September Quarterly meeting date has not yet been set; several topics for the meeting are under consideration.
- Grant update: Fran is awaiting responses to the two grants she has submitted: to the Pacific Power Foundation grant for \$5000 and to Soroptimist International of Klamath Falls.

President's Report: Judy Izzo

- Judy raised the issue of FOL's funding DPIL (Dolly Parton's Imagination Library) for another year. **MSP** that FOL fund DPIL for another year; a specific amount was not stated but it is understood that FOL will transfer enough money from its Business Account to cover DPIL's expenses. The number of youngsters participating has decreased due to county population decreases so funding increases are not expected. The State of Oregon now covers 50% of the cost for FOL.
- Bylaws updates: Fran has gone over the Bylaws and made several suggested changes. A copy of the Bylaws with those changes printed in red was sent to Board members for perusal before this discussion. Before getting into the changes, at Judy's request, Fran reviewed her role in developing these new Bylaws over the past few years, noting the several qualified individuals she spoke with in putting the Bylaws (and the accompanying Policy document) together. The Board, with help from Nathalie Naveau displaying the changes to the document on the Zoom screen, worked through the changes. All changes were ratified by the Board and will be incorporated in a new, updated copy of the Bylaws which will be signed by Judith Izzo as President of FOL. That set of Bylaws will be placed on the FOL Google Drive. Thanks go to Fran for all her effort.
- Judith mentioned an upcoming webinar on Friends of Library Groups being hosted on July 30th by United for Libraries. Registration is now open; there is no cost for Oregon Friends members (paid for by Oregon State Library). Elaine has the registration info if anyone needs it.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: Betty Shaw reports 1631 current registrants and 3311 graduates. Elaine noted that the state coordinators of DPIL put out an email newsletter and other interesting announcements that go to FOL's email box; she suggested Board members check those out.
- **Bookie Joint:** Gail talked about the need to replace the rolling signs for the BJ; she is unclear about upgrading the current signs with better letter boards or whether to replace those altogether with permanently lettered signs since we never change what's on the boards. Otherwise, the BJ goes along pretty much as usual. Board members fretted about BJ advertising and patronage. The few signs that we have up do not indicate that the BJ is "at the library" - that association might interest people more as such volunteering would "help the library". Ideas for advertising were sought but no one seemed to have ideas that we could utilize. Advertising seems to be an ongoing issue that we are unable to address.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay was absent today. Currently, there are several days without volunteers during the month - many on Saturday or Wednesday. Scheduling is increasingly difficult. Elaine noted that Lindsay had prepared a small sign seeking volunteers for the BJ that could be posted at various places in town (see discussion above about signage).

Library Director's Report:

- Circulation (for all materials) for the early months of 2026 has markedly increased over previous years as has visitation at Klamath County libraries.
- Increased interest in the library is fostered by the plethora of programs offered to all ages: story times, seed library, community puzzle swap, adult board games, book clubs, D & D, and fiber arts as examples.
- Library is awaiting permits to start building the Community Courtyard. There will be a ribbon-cutting in June.
- Library is participating with the Klamath County Museum on several projects connected with Beyond 250, celebrating the country's birthday: a community quilt, a time capsule, "One Book, One Coast" where participating communities will all read and discuss the same book.
- Summer Reading Program - "Plant a Seed" - underway in June.

New Business

- Judy Izzo offered two "look-aheads" for upcoming meetings: fall fundraising appeals and board member training. "Stay tuned".

Meeting adjourned at 14:46

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
Friends of the Klamath County Library