

Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes
18 November 2024 via Zoom (virtual meeting) & in person at library

Meeting called to order at 13:30 by Vice President Fran McDermott. **Board members present:** Jacek Berka (Zoom), Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Fran McDermott, Lindsay Silver, Betty Shaw. **Absent:** Judith Izzo.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2024 Board meeting
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: Thank you letters to PayPal donors and Chamber donors from October appeal. Renewed membership from Kentfields; new membership from Cathy Tomlison (who's willing to volunteer at library events)
- Elaine reviewed the donations from Chamber of Commerce appeals.
- Review of calendar items: November: CT-12 and 990EZ due, to be done by CPA. Both tax forms have been completed and submitted. DPIL fund-raising letter to members (and lapsed members) to be written and mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve October 2024 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- Bills/reimbursements: **MSP** to pay 2025 Chamber dues of \$155. **MSP** to pay Oregon Registration fee of approximately \$50 when it comes due in January.
- Elaine noted we will need to renew our current CD with Umpqua Bank in January. Board members assented (not formally) to renewal rather than searching for a new place to deposit that money.
- Elaine noted that FOL's old laptop computer is running Windows 10 which will not be supported much longer by Microsoft; no one is currently using that machine and anyone needing the machine will have to live with Windows 10 as that laptop can't be upgraded to Windows 11 or 12. If a more up-to-date laptop is needed, the board will have to decide how to proceed.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- The Quarterly Membership meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 will feature Elizabeth Meisman speaking on the Butte Valley (CA) Swainson's Hawk program that has been in existence for many years. Fran has notified Kevin Spencer of the Klamath Audubon Society as Audubon members might be interested; Kevin will replace the January Audubon meeting with the FOL Quarterly meeting so we might expect increased attendance. The meeting has also been noted on Klamath Basin Birding News website and with Friends of Klamath Basin Birding,
- Applications for the "spring" cycle of Oregon Community Foundation grants open in December; these are geared to operating expenses support. Fran will develop application materials for FOL with DPIL in mind.

President's Report: Judith Izzo

- Judy summarized her interactions with Catherine Dee who was doing fund-raising in support of the new library courtyard project. Catherine's suggestions for FOL participation in these activities came too late for FOL board members to participate meaningfully. Nathalie Johnston noted that fund-raising for the courtyard has been put on hold at this time as grant applications are in the works for funding and we should see how those play out before undertaking small-donation fund-raising efforts.
- Judy supported Nathalie's suggestion for a letter of support from FOL for the courtyard development project next to the library. A letter will be drafted and given to Nathalie to add to grant application(s). The grant application currently being developed is through Klamath County for federal funds. Judy will ensure the FOL letter does not commit our members in any way to supporting the project - rather it commits only the Board.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: 1779 - an increase over October participants. 2635 youngsters have graduated out of the program. Betty Shaw continues to enter new applications regularly on the Dolly Parton web page.
- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ goes on and on and is going well. The Scarecrow Row kids' book sale at \$1/bag in conjunction with the Downtown Association Halloween activities was an amazing event, even with no advertising, according to Gail. People were waiting in line for the Bookie Joint to open and receipts for the day were over \$175. This is a popular event and according to Gail, lots of fun as well.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay reports a new volunteer who applied through the web page is enthusiastic with a good background; she will be trained and worked into the rotation.

Library Director's Report: Nathalie Johnston

- Nathalie reviewed circulation stats which continue to be very good - the libraries are getting a lot of use.
- There will be a complete complement of kids' activities for all ages during the two weeks of school vacation.
- The construction of the courtyard next door, to be designated as the Klamath County Library Community Courtyard, is not expected before fall of 2026.
- The library branches in Gilchrist and Chemult are being combined into a new branch in Crescent which should open in February 2025. As Nathalie noted last month, KCL is renting a building on Hwy 97 which currently has a big bear standing in front of it - might be a draw for patrons; Nathalie is musing on how best to utilize the bear. Combining the two collections of books, audio materials, computers, furniture, and other equipment will be a time-consuming undertaking.

New Business:

- No new business was raised.

Meeting adjourned at 14:18

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
Friends of the Klamath County Library