

Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes
19 May 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, Fran McDermott(Zoom), Nathalie Naveau, Betty Shaw, Lindsay Silver

Insurance Review: Austin Leseur, Midland Empire Insurance Agency

Austin Leseur, from the insurance agency that handles FOL's insurance needs/policies, joined the Board to review the policies we currently have, whether those policies cover our needs and whether FOL needs any additional coverage. He briefly reviewed what each of the three current FOL policies cover: general liability coverage including commercial auto liability and liquor liability; property coverage; and directors and officers liability. Questions and comments from Board members in conjunction with Leseur's recommendations concluded that FOL doesn't need any additional coverages but that current policies should be maintained. Rates for the upcoming year are not yet available but are expected shortly with the new policy year.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- ☐ Email vote unanimously in favor of \$1000 scholarship for Graduation Sensation is noted for the minutes.
- **MSP:** Minutes of 21 April 2025 Board meeting.
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: Thank you letters to PayPal donors, one new Life membership from David Kohli; Kiwanis club donation of \$2000 for Summer Reading Program. Thank you letters for both.
- Review of calendar items: **May:** decide whether or not to continue DPIL; begin work on annual budget for 2025/2026 fiscal year; initial discussion of fall fund-raising letter. **June:** Insurance payment due. Vote for Board Officers (this year, via email, as Board members will be elected at Quarterly after the June Board meeting); vote on final FOL budget for 2025-2026; vote on Policies updates; set meeting dates for 2025-2026.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve April 2025 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- Bills/reimbursements: \$1000 for two scholarships to Graduation Sensation; \$39.74 to Elaine for poster support board and Awake at 8-ish expenses
- Initial discussion of the proposed FOL budget for fy2025-2026; changes in amounts were discussed and agreed upon. Final budget will be approved at June Board meeting.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- June Quarterly meeting speaker is Nicole Sanchez, coordinator of the Klamath/Lake Master Gardeners program. She will outline the program and promote the benefits of being a Master Gardener. Nac Payne will do postcard and electronic messaging. Elaine will prepare an agenda sheet for those who attend at the library.
- Fran raised the idea of preparing and submitting public service announcements to radio stations in town; several are grouped together in "Basin Media Active" which will dispense announcements to all their stations. A text message of about 75 words can also be posted on their "bulletin board".

President's Report: Judy Izzo

- Review of Summer Reading Program funding status. Nathalie reports that funding for this summer is in place. Subsequent years' funding is still unknown but perhaps by August some certainty will exist.
- Judy plans to work on mail pieces for a big fall fund-raising effort. Suggestions for that piece included adding some pictures to the narrative and expanding the scope of requested donations to include more than DPIL - maybe SRP, FOL, the "library" etc. To whom we send the letter was also discussed. More at June meeting.
- Zooming Quarterly meetings: Judy has done some research on what might be needed to resume using Zoom for Quarterly meetings. Basically, it comes down to needing a good "web" cam (which Judy says is not too expensive) and a new computer that can handle Zoom productions. Nathalie requests that FOL get its own Zoom account; she also cautioned that a procedure for giving out the Zoom link be developed to avoid the sharing of the link to nefarious individuals. General discussion concluded that not all presentations are "Zoom friendly" so Zooming might not work for all meetings. More research needed; volunteers to be responsible for Zooming of Quarterly meetings needed as well.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL: MSP:** FOL continue its support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for at least another year.

Current registrations: 1721 registered and 2869 have graduated. It was noted that all of Oregon is now on the Oregon Imagination Library; funding has been approved at the state level.

- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ is operating pretty much as usual; there are enough books to stock shelves well. Gail wants to replace the rolling signs that BJ volunteers take to the corners of Main and Klamath Ave. Letter boards are deteriorating, looking worn and dilapidated. Her first research on prices indicates about \$250/each. Elaine will enlist her husband to look at available products for sturdiness and easier-rolling wheels.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** The BJ is fully staffed with volunteers; Judy is training two new volunteers in the coming month. Scheduling is nearly complete through the summer.

Library Director's Report: Nathalie Naveau

- Nathalie thanked Elaine for attending the Commissioners' meeting on the budget to tout the library.
- Concern over suggestion by Representative Reschke that the library is not an essential service and that special taxing districts (like the museum and the library) should be abolished in favor of providing law enforcement throughout the county. His remarks were prompted by the special taxing district on the May county ballot for law enforcement in the eastern part of Klamath County.
- Nathalie has updated the PayPal donation form on the web page to make donating (& paying the PayPal fee) easier for patrons.
- The library is implementing a Story Time in the Park from 11 July to 29 August this summer; the event will rotate among parks, and will be from books for youngsters.
- Circulation over the KCL system is running about 17,000 items a month.
- Library staff have noticed a marked increase in seniors using the computers to interact with Social Security; offices have been closed and telephones are not being answered so people with problems to resolve are resorting to using library computers - just one more service the library provides!

New Business

- No additional items of new business were offered.

Meeting adjourned at 15:20

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
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