

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

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

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

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 16 March 2026 Board meeting as emailed to members.
- **Correspondence/Memberships/Donations:** Correspondence: No significant correspondence - postal patron mailers. PayPal donation from Amy daSaro. Jay Zimmerman, membership renewal; new membership: Linda Deacon
- **Review of calendar items:** April: review bylaws and policies for updates (see remarks under Vice President's report); renew post office box rental. May: decision on continued support for DPIL funding; development of worksheet for FOL budget for fy2026-2027. 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 March 2026 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- **Bills/reimbursements:** Bills & Reimbursements: Annual post office box rental through April 2027: \$250; Jacek Berka for Zoom for a month which he forgot to cancel: \$8.49.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- June Quarterly is set for Sunday, June 14th. Speaker has not yet finalized acceptance.
- **Grant update:** Fran has submitted both the Pacific Power Foundation grant for \$5000 and an application to Soroptomists International of Klamath Falls. Elaine noted that First Interstate Foundation denied our DPIL grant request due to the number of applicants with worthwhile requests.
- **Bylaws updates:** Fran has gone over the Bylaws and found changes that may need to be made in sections 2.7, 2.8, 3.5 and 4.2. **Quarterly meeting notifications:** Fran is suggesting we set mailing at 14 days which allows time for USPS mailed cards. She is further suggesting that wording be changed to smooth out the statements in section 2.8 that refer to what constitutes a vote. At the February 14, 2022 Board meeting, the Board passed a motion to suspend the 3-term limit to a Board member's service in section 3.5 if the Board was short of members and there were no replacements available. The Board did not suspend the time limit on service as an officer in section 4.2 at that time though it seems appropriate to do so for the same reason. In section 8 on amendments to Bylaws, the number of weeks' notice to members of an amendment change be set at 8 (currently, no value is specified). Suggested amendments to the Bylaws will be discussed at the May Board meeting.

President's Report: Judy Izzo

- Linda Deacon declared her candidacy for a position on the FOL Board. She is currently a Bookie Joint volunteer which she enjoys very much and she feels she'd like to be more involved with FOL. She is retired from the National Forest Service in California where she frequently served as a campground host - she enjoys working with people. When her husband passed away, she looked for a small town to which to retire and settled on Klamath Falls. **MSP:** Linda Deacon be nominated to and elected to the FOL Board.
- Judy emphasized that everyone on the Board should be seeking someone to replace Elaine as treasurer.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: Betty Shaw reports 1656 current registrants and 3268 graduates. Every 6 months, Nathalie checks registrations for duplicates which national DPIL doesn't catch. Elaine noted she was going to Bonanza Lions Club meeting to petition for DPIL funding which the Lions have promised but they wanted an update on the program.
- **Bookie Joint:** Gail reports that the BJ goes on and on; for a couple of weeks, there were no donations which was worrying but there have been plenty in the past week or so.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay had to leave meeting but will send Elaine a report. We know she's missing volunteers at least 3 Saturdays and/or Wednesdays for May. One application has come to be

processed. Ardath noted there are a lot of retired folks at the Senior Center who might serve; Elaine will get paper copies of the application for Ardath to take to the Senior Center.

Library Director's Report:

- Very busy in the library in March; circulation increasing. Busier this year than last year. Probably all the different programs that are offered, especially for adults - they are well attended. Example: basket weaving with pine needles filled in 3 hours after posting on Facebook page. Author event well attended. Puzzle Palooza later in April is already filling. Carnegie Foundation gave \$2000 for 250th birthday celebration events; working with Klamath Museum on projects - community quilt (with help by quilting clubs), a single-book west coast "read" so will be buying books for that.
- Budget hearing for library budget at Commissioners' meeting is April 28th at 10:15 am. Nathalie would like several people from FOL/Foundation to attend to show support for the library.
- Contract (up to 1.2 million dollars) for the Community Courtyard has been approved with Modoc Contracting; hoping to start work in June 2026 and to be completed (except possibly for plantings) by October 2026.
- Anyone who needs a new library card during National Library Month (April) can get it for free (but their library number will change with the new card).

New Business

- No additional items of new business were offered.

Meeting adjourned at 14:20

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
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