

**Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes**  
**8 January 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), Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo, Nathalie Johnston (*ex officio*), Fran McDermott (Zoom), Larry Powers, Lindsay Silver, Mickie Vanderburg. **Guests:** Carol Hulub, Toni Staniri, Jen Ruden

**Call to order:** Judy Izzo introduced the three guests attending from Chiloquin - Carol Holub - President; Toni Starniri - Secretary; Jen Ruden - Treasurer; these are the new officers of the Friends of the Chiloquin Library.

**Secretary's Report:** Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve the minutes of the 20 November 2023 Board meeting.
- Correspondence: **Incoming:** Request for funds from Merle West and Klamath Community Foundation - noted; no action. **Outgoing:** thank yous for donations and thank you letter to Rippey Family Foundation
- **Donations:** Friends of the Chiloquin Library, \$6000; Susan Magnone, \$250 ; John and Felice Koblos, \$100; Nicole Brewer, \$14.27 for DPIL. Bernie Wood \$25, Kathie Phillip \$50, Paula Long, \$25, Michael Gillette, \$200; for FOL. Madeline Martin, \$25 for South Suburban; Susan Magnone, \$2000 for Bonanza children's materials. One Life Membership for Jacqueline Lucero
- **Review of calendar items:** January: CD renews; February: appoint a committee for thank-you event but since the last one was not well attended another this year may not be warranted; appoint 2 committees to review bylaws and policies; appoint a nominating committee for Board positions as list must be submitted to members at March Quarterly. None of those committees were discussed or appointed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Deutschman as Dorothy Hudson has resigned that position

- **MSP** November 2023 and December 2023 Financial statements approved.
- No bills or reimbursements presented.
- Chamber of Commerce dues of \$155.00 for 2024 have been paid.
- Bank fee of \$5/month for having more than 2 accounts on mobile banking; general agreement that we pay that to simplify deposits, transfers etc for secretary & treasurer.
- CD: **MSP** to transfer money to FOL account and then open a higher interest FDIC-insured online savings account. (Since that time, a new interest rate of 4.75% was announced at Umpqua so email discussion resulted in rolling the proceeds to a new one-year CD).
- Judy asked if we have any information about the OCF investment program. No one could really provide any information. Since this meeting, a Zoom presentation with the OCF investment specialist has been set for the February meeting; additionally, email discussion has taken place that indicates that such placement of FOL money with OCF may really be a gifting of money to OCF which many Board members found problematic. This will be a topic for further discussion at/after the February meeting.
- **MSP** to buy a new box of 1000 postcards for Quarterly mailings for \$40

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

- Fran has confirmed the program for the January 20, 2024 Quarterly meeting; Elaine and Bill Deutschman will be giving a slide presentation on their recent canal boating trip in Brittany (this meeting was canceled at outset due to technology issues).
- The March Quarterly meeting will be on recycling in conjunction with Earth Day, given by the recycling from Waste Management.
- The June Quarterly may be a travel presentation by Nate Ganong as he has traveled extensively. If not Nate, then Ron Larson will speak about Lk. Abert which he highlights in his new book. Ron's talk could be in September if Nate shares his travels in June.

**President's Report:** Judy Izzo

- FOL continues seeking a new treasurer. All Board members were encouraged to think about candidates. In the interim, Elaine will carry out the duties of the treasurer except for completing and filing the various tax forms required.
- Ebay discussion again: what to do with items that are worth more than the \$1 or \$5 we charge. Larry suggested that we hold those books and other items for a special sale and maybe list them in the BJ as being

available but not displayed so we don't have to deal with theft of said items. FOL might get a table at KCC Comic Con where we could sell video games and special, more valuable books; it will also give FOL some publicity. Ebay doesn't seem to serve our purposes well and we should look for other options, especially in the community. We could partner with the garden clubs when they do their plant sale at the Commons. Larry volunteered to price books that might be re-sold at such an event and help with manning tables etc. He also suggested we might piggyback with Shaw Library and their sales table at Third Thursday events. Jacek pointed out that there is a market for older video games with good prices

- Judy suggested we look at budget for the following months - perhaps a look-ahead that's shared with board members.
- Any issues with Zoom: FOL probably doesn't want it's own account; if Nathalie is away, another staff member will set up. Nathalie is willing to have someone else send links to requesters but only a library staff member can set up the link. Elaine will send links when they're available.
- Upcoming event: Chamber event Awake at 8-ish on April 25. How will we handle the fact that library is closed at that time. We talked about having the event in the Bookie Joint and Community Room - we need to address how we block access to library.

**AT THIS POINT, THE ZOOM CONNECTION WENT DOWN AND WE LOST EVERYONE WHO WAS ATTENDING THAT WAY.**

Elaine and the new officers from Chiloquin chatted about membership until the Zoom connection returned

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **DPIL:** We have 1774 active kids, 2208 have graduated and we have about 300-350 kids who've dropped out. So we have served almost 5000 youngsters. Gail wondered if the state had agreed to take over the program; the state will not take over the program but they may give some funding - that expenditure hasn't been decided as all counties do not have DPIL. Don't depend on the state.
- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ goes on and on. Not much new and exciting. Volunteers came on the super snowy day (but only made \$17). How should volunteers address the issue of stealing; Mickie is sure she knows of someone who is stealing (she comes with a metal cart and other volunteers know about her). In fact the library staff knows who she is and has her on video. Larry suggested that the volunteer say "we're not going to press charges but you are not welcome to come into the BJ any more. If you return, we will press charges." But be careful NOT to accuse her without proof or we could be sued. Perhaps best approach is to engage her in conversation all the time she is in the BJ. Volunteers should not get confrontational.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Judy has been handling the monthly schedule and answering the phone. Lindsay Silver has volunteered to take over that job; Judy will train her in the BJ and get her started with volunteers.

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

- Adult circulation has never returned to pre-Covid levels but digital circulation has increased markedly.
- Attendance is up in all categories. Fewer people in January due to weather and after-holiday let-down.
- The Acquisitions Librarian, who's been with the library for 23 years, retired at the end of December. A new person has been hired for the job but it will take some time to get up to speed again. The former librarian was central to library operations, doing all the buying and ordering of materials.
- The Oregon Battle of the books is on and KCL is participating with many kids involved.

#### **New Business:**

- No new business

Meeting adjourned at 14:46

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary

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