



**Friends of the Klamath County Library**  
**Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**11 January 2026**  
**At the Library and via Zoom**

Elaine Deutschman, FOL Board Secretary, welcomed about 3 dozen or so attendees to the January meeting which was scheduled for a Sunday afternoon, instead of during the week, in an attempt to attract more guests. The meeting was also monitored by several Zoom participants as FOL has initiated its own Zoom account and setup. Elaine spent a few minutes acquainting audience members with FOL's purposes and fund-raising activities and reminded attendees that FOL underwrites Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Ardath McDermott introduced the presenter, Michael Kaibel, a Klamath Basin wildlife photographer; she mentioned his many years working with the U.S. Forest Service and his dedication to a pair of eagles nesting at the Klamath Wildlife Refuge since his retirement.

Michael presented a sundry of slides of "Ethel", a female bald eagle who's been nesting at the Wildlife Refuge since 2007, of her "first" mate, "Bob" and of her current mate who remains unnamed. Michael talked about the eagles' various activities regarding bonding, choosing a nest site, nest-building, and chick raising – all illustrated with first-rate slides. Since Michael has been a presence in the eagles' domain for some time, "Ethel" has decided he's not a threat and often sits on branches above him, almost "talking" with him; she even drops down into shallow water to drink with Michael nearby – a very dangerous time for an eagle since it can't watch for predators indicating she doesn't fear Michael.

Several questions came from audience members following his well-received presentation. I heard lots of compliments on the talk and comments about how much listeners had learned from the program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Deutschman, Secretary  
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