



**Friends of the Klamath County Library
Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes
18 September 2024
in person at library and *via* Zoom**

The meeting, entitled “What the Friends of the Library Does for the Community”, was called to order by Friends of the Library President, Judith Izzo, at 14:00. A small number of people in addition to four board members attended the meeting in person; one person attended *via* Zoom.

President Izzo briefly outlined the purpose of the Friends of the Klamath County Library (FOL), detailing the various activities FOL has and where the organization gets the funds to carry out these projects. She introduced Fran McDermott, FOL Vice President to talk about Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library (DPIL) and FOL’s support of that effort.

Vice President McDermott noted that FOL has been supporting 50% of the costs of DPIL for a bit over 6 years for the children of Klamath County. Our current enrollment is a bit over 1800 youngsters with a monthly cost to FOL of about \$2000. Any child in Klamath County between birth and the age of 5 years may register to receive an age-appropriate book in the mail each month. Research indicates that children who participate in DPIL are significantly more ready to enter kindergarten and they continue to do well throughout their school experience. FOL has never had to turn a child down for lack of money but donations to the DPIL program are always appreciated and welcome.

President Izzo next introduced Amanda Edwards, Assistant Library Director for the Klamath County Library. Amanda presented an informative program of slides and explanations about the many activities FOL supports in the library ranging from the community baby shower to arts and craft programs, with teen nights in the library thrown in for good measure. The Summer Reading program and the programs offered during school vacations are also supported in part by FOL funding. Amanda shared pictures from the tea cup decoration event, the costume party associated with the Murder Mystery evening for teens, and many of the other kids’ and adults’ activities. Of course, as Amanda noted, pizza, ice cream and other goodies are almost always associated with these festivities and these refreshments come courtesy of FOL. Most folks don’t realize what an impact FOL’s support for the library has – though many benefit from that assistance.

Amanda answered questions from the audience and encouraged attendees to enjoy the activities that go on in the library with FOL’s help.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:05

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Deutschman, Secretary, Friends of the Klamath County Library