

Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes
17 March 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 (Zoom), Judith Izzo, Fran McDermott (Zoom), Nathalie Naveau, Betty Shaw. Absent: Lindsay Silver

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 10 February 2025 Board meeting.
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: Thank you letters to PayPal donors, for one donation in memory of Karen Kunz and one donation by Bernie Wood to FOL. We received the first installment of \$10,000 from the Sky Lakes Foundation; a thank you has been sent.
- Review of calendar items: **March:** report slate of board candidates to membership at Quarterly on March 19; slate was not announced to membership in mailing for March Quarterly. **April:** no specific tasks but Awake at 8-ish is April 10 and P.O. Box rental will come due.
- Elaine briefly summarized the webinar she attend from United for Libraries in February on increasing effectiveness of Friends groups; lots of good ideas suggested but our group may be short of people to carry out as many as we'd like.
- Elaine noted she'd be making an online presentation about FOL and DPIL in early April to CURN: Klamath Community United Regional Network that covers organizations with interests in children in Douglas, Klamath and Lake counties.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve February 2025 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- Bills/reimbursements: \$75.00 for thank-you poster printing covered in-house by DPIL budget
- Review of donations from DPIL fall appeals (see attached). Total: \$3733.85

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- Wednesday's (March 19) meeting will be a presentation by several speakers from the Patient Advocacy department at Sky Lakes focusing on what services are available. The scheduled Zoom presentation to the Senior Center was canceled when Zoom would not be used for Quarterly meetings hereafter.
- Some discussion of what types of presentations bring in the most people to the library for Quarterlies when there is no Zoom option; suggestions included travelogues, cooking/food and gardening topics.
- Topic for June Quarterly has not yet been settled.
- Fran announced that the Oregon Community Foundation did not include FOL in its spring grants this year; they had over 500 applications and ours was not among the awards given.
- Fran has applied to the Soroptimists as they invited an application from us; she has not had confirmation of the application and doesn't know when/if an announcement might be made.
- Nathalie reiterated that United Way will be going to an application system for grants starting next year; FOL should participate as there is interest in United Way in supporting FOL/DPIL.

President's Report: Judy Izzo

- Judy formulated the candidate list for the FOL Board for next year; Lindsay Silver will be contacted for her acceptance while all other current members of the Board agreed to stand for election to the Board. The candidate list will be announced at the Quarterly on March 19, 2025.
- Judy reported that she's been unable to connect with Merritt Driscoll regarding publicity of the Sky lakes large donation but says she's purchased the large, ornamental check for such publicity.
- Judy reminded board members of the upcoming United for Libraries webinar on Friends groups on March 22. There is also a DPIL webinar on March 26th that board members may want to "attend".

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: 1714 registered and 2798 have graduated.
- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ is operating pretty much as usual; winter weather curtailed visitation to some degree. Gail is getting young peoples' books together from BJ collection for the Chiloquin High School library as they have just done a weed-out of their collection (many, many old books); the high school library is seeking books from the community to rebuild their collection. Gail will offer them some from the BJ.

- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Elaine gave Lindsay's report that all is working well with the volunteers; the April schedule should be out today or tomorrow.
- **Awake at 8-ish:** Elaine, Gail and Lindsay with help from former Board member, Mickie Vandenburg, are proceeding with planning. Elaine will print small bookmarks w/BJ info for attendees. A raffle for a book selection with all attendees getting a free raffle ticket is planned. A single door prize which will include a water bottle, perhaps a plant, maybe an Easter-themed gift, BJ coupons etc. will be given. Both sweet and savory goodies will be served with coffee and tea; a fruit plate will fill out the offerings.

Library Director's Report: Nathalie Naveau

- The library budget will go before the Klamath County Commissioners in early April; Nathalie requests FOL members' attendance to "show the flag".
- Nathalie noted that snow closures in early February affected circulation statistics for last month
- A gift of money for library staff was used, in part, to purchase an armchair for the staff break room; staff members are enjoying it.
- The Crescent branch has opened after delays due to winter weather with heavy snow.
- President Trump's cancellation of IMLS funding (funding for libraries and museums nationwide) may affect KCL's Summer Reading Program as those monies are used to support the program. Nathalie asks that we contact our congressional representatives to voice opposition to that cancellation.
- Nathalie and library staff are investigating ways the library may assist unhoused patrons - what might be done for them within the library. Nathalie notes these folks are human beings and they're often in need of some assistance.

New Business

- Judy Izzo wants us to discuss, at the May Board meeting, a fall 2025 outreach for DPIL. She wants to extend more effort on reaching civic organizations as we seek funds. And she wants to get started on the effort earlier than we did in fall 2024.(Judy will be away in April).

Meeting adjourned at 14:30

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
Friends of the Klamath County Library