

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 18th, 2023

- Present: Chuck Wells (KF), Spider (S.R.), Renee Hernandez (KF), Pat Escamilla (Keno), Cindy DeRosier (KF), Judy Izzo (Friends), Gay Jarvinen (Chiloquin), Katie Walker (Malin), Lois Taysom (Merrill), Nathalie Johnston (Director), Cindy Williams (Recorder).
- Call to order: 12:00 p.m.
- Minutes: M/S/Approved.
- Branch Reports: Gay reported that Storytime is popular and they were lucky to have a volunteer help on Wednesday's and Thursday's, but she is no longer available. It has been quiet in Chiloquin due to the weather. C.V.I.P. is having trouble with the heating and has provided portable heaters since it is 67 degrees in the library. Gay is not sure if the heating system is out of order.
- Lois reported that the games have been ordered using the grant from the Rotary club and will be used in place of crafts on Wednesday's and Fridays'. Staff have started S.R.P. planning. Christa is trying to coordinate with Meals on Wheels.
- Katie added that she has ordered all the games for the Malin and Merrill branches and they should be delivered soon.
- Spider reported that it is slow in Sprague River due to the weather.
- Pat reported that the Teen Book Club is going well and they are meeting on the first and third Saturday of the month. They are showing family movies on the 4th Saturday of the month. The Adult Book Club has disbanded due to only have two members. The Running Y book club invited them to join their group. The book sale is ongoing and the monthly theme display of books is very popular.
- Judy reported that the Friends Quarterly meeting will have a presentation by Bill Ganong on the Bootleg fire recovery today at 2 p.m. Charles Erdman, from Trout Unlimited, will also discuss reducing flow of sediment from the bootleg fire. The Friends are planning on asking Dr. Karl Wenner to give a presentation on the Wetlands later this year. There are lots of educational opportunities at K.C.C. Apprenticeship Center Eagle Ridge High School also offers a carpentry program. The Friends would like to host a program to promote the educational opportunities to the community. The Bookie Joint is doing well and brought in around \$6,000.00 from July-December and the book cart brought in \$1,000.00. The Friends and Nathalie will be contacting the Rippey Foundation again to subsidize the D.P.I.L. program. The cost is \$45,000.00 to \$50,000 a year without the grant. They could run the program for one year without assistance. The Oregon legislature has a bill in committee to fund the program and Judy will try to make contact to see what needs to be done to advance the bill. California and Washington have both passed a bill to fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Renee helped organize and sort 220 seed packets to be distributed to branches. The leftovers will be given to patrons. There are both flower and herb seeds available.

Cindy said that all the programs seem to be going well at the library.

Chuck recommended the book "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. Cascade Cremation & Burial is the only facility in the state to offer Aquamation which is the process that uses water instead of fire to dissolve the body to its basic element of calcium. It is more energy efficient and does not emit carbon into the air. The cost starts at \$1,395.00

Chris was unable to attend and Bonanza staff sent the report: *"We have made so much progress with organizing and decluttering our branch with our new storage room! The room has been painted and is up to code, with a light switch to an LED light, an electrical outlet and a locking door."*

We are blessed to have had two teen volunteers who emptied 2 storage cabinets and completely boxed up/organized the contents of the 3rd cabinet, using the storage boxes Nathalie purchased for us on sale from BiMart. These boxes are all stacked and waiting to be put onto our new shelves, which are hopefully en route to Home Depot from Texas. Between shelves and new paper storage units that have been ordered, we will be SO organized for our many children's crafts and activities.

In order to clean out the front entrance area near the fuse box, we will be receiving a round computer table with 4 work stations for the 4 public computers. This will replace our current round oak table, and remove 2 older work stations placed along the wall, which will reduce furniture and make the room cleaner and look larger.

We are now seeing all 10 elementary school classes! Most of them require a visit to the school, but 4 of them make trips to the library on a regular basis.

Now that the school classes are regularly scheduled between Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will start looking forward to adult classes that were similar to what was held last year. The response to those was pretty terrific, so we would like to keep the momentum going."

Director:

Nathalie reported that last month was the busiest for children's circulation. Attendance is almost the same as pre-covid. Branches are slower due to the bad weather.

We have filled the PT/YS position and the new staff is very nice and doing well. The FT/YS is still posted. It is hard to fill due to the staff needing experience working with teens. Our substitute in Gilchrist John Weatherly has passed away. S.R.P. planning has started. A Finch Robot program will be held in February. The Great Decisions program is full and has a waiting list. A Vaccine Clinic will be held on February 14th from 1-5 p.m. and free food boxes will be given away.

Our new B.O.C.C. liaison is Kelley Minty. Staff are scheduled to meet one on one with her in March for a meet and greet. A full staff meeting will be held on February 10th at 8:30 a.m.

Nathalie is making changes to our digital collection and will be replacing all the staff computers (desktop, laptops and iPad) next budget year. We have received our personnel budgets to review and there are several mistakes that Finance needs to correct. We are still waiting for our internal services charges from the county to finish our budget.

The Bonanza project has been completed. The Janitor's closet remodel was approved yesterday, and the carpet replacement is on next week's agenda for approval. Nathalie is still waiting for Basin Telecom to pull a cable for the wireless printer.

The Polaris update last week went well and a digital magazine subscription was added in Libby with access in multiple languages.

DPIL 1770 and 1657 graduated.

Adjourned: 12:56

Next Meeting: Noon February 15, 2023. In person and Zoom.