

Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes
21 April 2025 via Zoom (virtual meeting) & in person at library

Meeting called to order at 13:30 by Fran McDermott: Jacek Berka (Zoom), Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Fran McDermott, Nathalie Naveau, Betty Shaw. Absent: Judith Izzo, Lindsay Silver

Summer Reading Program Funding: Amanda Edwards, Assistant Librarian

- Funding for the 2025 Summer Reading Program (SRP) is in place.
- With President Trump's cutting of funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) going forward, funding for 2026 and subsequent SRPs is in doubt. The Klamath Library depends on funds from the State Library system sourced from IMLS. Whether such funds will be available for upcoming years should be known by August 2025.
- Amanda is investigating ways to fund future SRPs should that funding disappear; selling cleverly designed tote bags seems to be a popular and profitable method. She is asking FOL to help sell those bags - at meetings, at the Bookie Joint, at events like the Saturday Market etc.
- **MSP:** Friends of the Klamath County Library agrees to partner with Klamath County Library to raise funds for SRP if/when funds needed.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 17 March 2025 Board meeting.
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: Thank you letters to PayPal donors, League of Women Voters of Klamath County for \$500 specified for SRP, and Keane Family Fund (from Portland) for \$10,000 to FOL for general expenses (this grant came from a directed giving fund through Oregon Community Foundation). One FOL membership from Jay Zimmerman.
- Review of calendar items: **April:** In the past, FOL has sent membership renewal notices. Discussion resulted in not sending a membership renewal but rather, after we know about SRP funding for next year, sending a fall "Help the Library" fund SRP next year announcement. **May:** decide whether or not to continue DPIL; begin work on annual budget for 2025/2026 fiscal year; initial discussion of fall fund-raising letter. **June:** Insurance due - discussion of what we should buy?
- Elaine briefly summarized the presentation about FOL and DPIL to CURN: Klamath Community United Regional Network that covers organizations with interests in children in Douglas, Klamath and Lake counties. Other attendees commented favorably on all FOL does for the library and DPIL. She picked up information on groups where we might find more children for DPIL.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve March 2025 Financial Statement as emailed to members
- Bills/reimbursements: \$244.00 purchase of post office box rental for next year (up about \$20); Awake at 8-ish expenses to Gail Brock, \$13.49, to Lindsay Silver, \$41. Additional expenses to Elaine when Judy is available to sign check: \$7.99 poster board and \$31.25 for Awake at 8-ish.
- Suggest we invite our insurance agent to the May board meeting to review policies and costs.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- June Quarterly meeting speaker is Nicole Sanchez, coordinator of the Klamath/Lake Master Gardeners program.
- Fran had no updates on grant applications in the works.
- Fran and Jacek have been investigating the possibility of FOL getting its own Zoom account so we might again present our Quarterly meetings to more than just those who can make it to the library. An account would cost about \$160/year. However, FOL would need to get a new laptop as the old one we have is out of date on technology. Additionally, a system other than the "owl" we use to Zoom the FOL board meetings would need to be found; the "owl" is not useful for Zooming a front-of-an-audience presentation, especially if the presenter wants to show and talk about slides on a screen. The topic will require more exploration.
- Fran reviewed the updates she and Elaine suggest for the FOL Policies. We need to correct the DPIL name when written out to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Formatting spacing errors should be corrected. We should omit specification of approving minutes of Quarterly meetings as we no longer do that. Finally, the policy inserted to cover volunteers during the Covid pandemic should be removed and the Youth Protection Policy, the Conflict of Interest Policy which Board members sign and the Volunteer Agreement which

volunteers for FOL should sign should be collected together in an appendix with a mention of each of them in the actual policy. Changes in the Policies require a majority vote of the Board which we will take at the May 19, 2025 meeting.

President's Report: Judy Izzo was on vacation - no report

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: 1712 registered and 2843 have graduated. Elaine noted that we have a very healthy DPIL budget - our emphasis now should be on signing up more youngsters.
- **Bookie Joint:** The BJ is operating pretty much as usual; we're getting lots of donations. Gail has not yet decided how she's going to handle her sale of the special (expensive) history books that have been donated.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Elaine gave Lindsay's report that all is working well with the volunteers; the May schedule will be out shortly.
- **Awake at 8-ish:** Elaine, Gail and Lindsay with help from former Board member, Mickie Vandenburg, carried off a very well-attended Awake at 8-ish event - more than 40 attendees. The spread of food, prizes and our door prize were well received and sales of books during the event seemed brisk. Nathalie provided a library tour at the conclusion as well. The committee considers the event worth the effort and expense.

Library Director's Report: Nathalie Naveau

- The library budget will go before the Klamath County Commissioners on April 22 at 10:45 am; Nathalie requests FOL members' attendance to "show the flag".
- Nathalie has updated the Volunteer Application on the web to make it easier for people to apply. She's also improved the donation link for FOL.
- The library is implementing a Story Time at the Park from 11 July to 29 August this summer.
- Circulation at the library is recovering after a snowy winter.
- The new Crescent Library is up and running; open house last weekend was not well attended but hopefully patrons in the area will become acquainted with the new branch.

New Business

- No additional items of new business were offered.

Meeting adjourned at 14:50

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
Friends of the Klamath County Library