

Friends of the Klamath County Library Board of Directors' Minutes
21 September 2026 via Zoom (virtual meeting) & in person at library

Present: Jacek Berka, Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo (Zoom), Ardath McDermott, Fran McDermott (Zoom), Betty Shaw, Lindsay Silver. Absent: Linda Deacon. Note: Jacek set up FOL's Zoom account for this meeting as Nathalie Naveau was away.

Call to Order: Judith Izzo called the meeting to order at 13:40 (late due to Zoom sound issue).

Library Director's Report: Since Nathalie Naveau is on vacation, Amanda Edwards, Assistant Librarian was invited to give a brief report at the outset of our meeting so she could return to her duties in the library.

- It's been a good summer, with increased library patronage; that increase is ascribed to the expansion of special programming.
- Summer Reading Program participation also increased over the past 4 years: 1038 children and 365 adults signed up this year.
- As part of the library's participation in the country's 250th birthday, 3 quilts were completed with materials acquired with a Klamath Community Cultural Coalition grant and help from the local quilting community. One quilt will go into the time capsule being assembled; two others will be raffled as money raisers.
- The Community Courtyard project has been delayed to spring of 2027 as the City of Klamath Falls is re-doing the sidewalks on that corner.

Secretary's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP:** Minutes of 15 June 2026 Board meeting as emailed to members are approved.
- Correspondence/Memberships/Donations: Correspondence: Request for membership in Jefferson Public Radio. General agreement that such expense is not within our mission. Donations: we have had several donations online due to Dollywood Foundation's online appeal for DPIL donations in remembrance of Dolly's death. Dutch Bros. Give-Back Day: over \$4100 PayPal: Amy daSaro's monthly DPIL donation of \$25.
- **Review of calendar items:** September: automatic transfer of \$2500 to Program account from FOL account. October: nothing specific. November: taxes filed by CPA; fall fund drive underway in the event we're pursuing this.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Deutschman

- **MSP** to approve June, July, and August Financial Statements as emailed to members
- **Bills/reimbursements:** \$238.45 to Elaine Deutschman for postage, envelopes and labels in anticipation of fall fund drive. \$16.99 to Jacek Berka for September Zoom account.
- **MSP:** FOL spend \$50 to purchase electronic membership list from Klamath Chamber of Commerce to use for fall fund drive.
- When and if Elaine needs to purchase ink for her home printer, she will be reimbursed as she uses her printer to do all correspondence, make bookmarks for various events and the Bookie Joint, print all bank statements financial statements, minutes, agendas etc, and to produce publicity posters for FOL events.

Vice President's Report: Fran McDermott

- Fran quickly reviewed the September Quarterly presentation by Rose Clark from Klamath Grown, commenting that it was a thorough introduction to what Klamath Grown does and how it operates. Sadly, the audience was very small and most folks there knew about Klamath Grown though not all details. Fran wondered what we might do to increase attendance, especially in the way of interesting presenters.
- January's Quarterly meeting will be about the Klamath Outdoor School. For March, Fran is considering Klamath Works as a possibility.
- Grant matters: Thus far, no response from Soroptimist application- that grant is probably a no-go. Fran did note that Pacific Power did give us \$2000 - less than she'd hoped for but still better than nothing. Fran has all but completed working on a Sunflower Grant which is an unrestricted general operating award offered by The Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation for smaller grassroots and emerging Oregon nonprofits through OCF.

President's Report: Judy Izzo

- Judy wanted to "publicly" thank all board members for the various activities they undertook on behalf of FOL

over the summer - she detailed a few.

- Judy noted she and Linda had done a walk-through of the Saturday market, passing out BJ bookmarks and talking to folks about DPIL and the Bookie Joint. She felt it was a worthwhile effort and we should consider doing it again. Most parents they spoke with already knew about DPIL.
- Regarding a potential fall fund drive, Judy suggests we plan letters to all previous donors and use the Chamber mailing list as we have before. Discussion followed with a suggestion: we contact branch librarians and ask for the names of commercial and civic organizations in their districts; we could then send fund-raising letters to those entities. Judy said she'd contact the librarians.
- Judy would also like to arrange meetings with town councils and other organizations during the day to avoid night driving issues, especially in the winter.
- Ardath McDermott would be glad to be "publicity chair" to get the word out about FOL events and donation opportunities.

Committee Reports:

- **DPIL:** Current registrations: Betty Shaw reports 1668 current registrants and 3494 graduates.
- **Bookie Joint:** Gail is investigating new roller signs for the BJ as the current ones are on their last "legs". She is considering replacing the white slide-in plastic with the letter troughs and also, permanent signs from Pelican Sign (they did the lettering above the 3rd Street door) that would match the earlier lettering they did - since we never change what's on the signs, permanent signs might be "classier". She will get a bid from Pelican on such signs as board members seemed to favor that option if it's not too expensive.
- **Bookie Joint Volunteer Update:** Lindsay reports placing 4 new volunteers in the last month - one is still in training. Discussion followed about one applicant as one BJ volunteer who trained this applicant is unsure it's a good fit; the person didn't show for a second training session. Jacek agreed to do another training session and let Lindsay know about placement.

Library Director's Report: See above; Nathalie Naveau is out of town.

New Business

- Fran McDermott requests that for future meetings, board members at the library sit much closer to the "owl" used to pick up sound and images - it was difficult to hear discussions at today's meeting as the "owl" was too far away from speakers.
- Elaine wanted agreement from board members to email a letter to the Herald and News announcing "Give Like Dolly" Day. The Board agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 15:15

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
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