

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Meeting
February 24, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Merle Logan, Linda Wilcox, Cathy Johnston, Will Piehl, Lloyd Lyman, Horty Joyce, Claudine Hundhausen, Maggie Karl, Beth Ridenour and Deirdre Krumper.

President Merle Logan called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Minutes of the BLFF meeting of January 27, 2009 were unanimously approved as corrected on a motion by Will Piehl and second by Lloyd Lyman.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilcox reported that for January 2009, income was \$4,590.17, mostly from donations. Expenditures were \$2,408.00. The checking account had \$19,931.00. The Endowment Fund's balance was \$5,159.00. The book sale made a net of \$2,513.54. A few more sale expenses were still outstanding. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Horty Joyce and second by Claudine Hundhausen.

Library Director's Remarks: Deirdre Krumper told the BLFF that the city was updating its volunteer policies as a result of the accident in the library. From now on, anyone who worked at the library as a volunteer in any capacity would have to have a time sheet. These new rules were still being formulated and the forms would come directly from the CIS state accident insurance organization. Claudine said that this was pretty standard policy for organizations with volunteers. Deirdre announced that she had been selected to be on a committee with members of the SWOCC administration and Coos Library Board, along with Carol Ventgen, Coos Bay Librarian. The purpose of the committee was to explore the financial relationships between the Extended Services Office and SWOCC.

Library Board Update: Deidre said that the lamp poles would be replaced by the city because of a mismatch in voltage between the lights and the building. Merle said that Library Board member David Rabin had been talking about slippery lines in the parking lot and was concerned with parking lot safety. David Rabin's term will be up in June 2009.

Neverending Sale: Cathy Johnston said that the Neverending sale went well despite her absence. Horty, Gaia Brown and others assisted.

Book Sale: Cathy said that there were 220 boxes of books for the February sale, an amount similar to last years sale. She thought that the July sale could have 250 boxes. A problem arose with 3 for \$1.00 or 35 cents paperbacks. She suggested that the BLFF change this price to 50 cents each for single books. The BLFF agreed. She bought orange price tags for easier visibility since the white tags were hard to see. Cathy said that Nancy Drew donated a basket full of candy that didn't sell but could be sold at Christmas. This basket and a table runner could be raffle items. When it came to sale leftovers, Cathy told the group that Linda Hammerberg from the Sixes Grange picked up the unsold books. Ellen and Jim Montalbano took one box of books to Hospice. In answer to Deirdre's question, Cathy said that there were 25 boxes of videos in the sale

and that most of them sold. She thanked Horty Joyce's grandchildren for helping with the sale.

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The group decided that in 2010, the sale days would be February 4, 5 and 6. People asked if the BLFF took credit cards. This was dismissed as too expensive. July 16, 17 and 18, 2009 will be the summer sale dates. Cathy Johnston will write a "wanted" ad, also detailing what is NOT wanted. Silhouette romances and old encyclopedias are among these items. Jean Hanna's daughter is working on a new book mark.

Current Business:

Newsletters: Merle Logan told the group that the post office would have to look at the issue of nonprofit mailing. The postmaster will be asking about this and sending out an E-mail. The BLFF currently mails out material under the library's non-profit stamp. Claudine Hundhausen said that she was creating the newsletter now. It needs to go out around April 20 to cover the Title Wave program. She will ask for book donations. She would like to take someone on to assist with editing future editions.

Chautauqua Series: Merle thought that the event went very well. People attended from California and Washington. He filled out a questionnaire on the Chautauqua process and their speakers. The Oregon Council for the Humanities wanted to know how publicity was handled. Merle sent them a packet of material showing publicity. In asking the public how they learned about the event, Merle found methods cited were: Verbal 22%, Newspaper 19% and E-mail 14%. He said that all techniques of getting the word out were necessary.

Merle said that the Oregon Council for the Humanities was in transition. They were considering keeping sessions that were more interactive with the community. Quilting was to be the next presentation. Another possibility was "Sojourners...Mexicanos in Oregon". Everyone was interested in the quilting as a first priority, then Mexicanos. July and August would be the best time for this. Merle said he would also check on the Wallace Stegner program.

Film Night: Cathy Johnston said that the film "Casablanca" would play on March 9 at 7 pm. Having snacks instead of popcorn would be good.

Travel Night: Claudine said that Barbara Dodrill and Myra Lawson would present a program on Guatemala on March 23. She is hoping to recruit Bart Stein for a talk on the Galapagos for April.

Celia Piehl Poetry Competition: Will Piehl said that this was the 12th year of the competition. April 10 is the deadline for submission. Ava Richey and Weld Champneys will be the judges. Horty Joyce volunteered to bring refreshments.

Sprague Closet: Merle said that a presenter had difficulty with equipment, highlighting a need for training on the equipments' use.

Other: Merle was contacted by library people in Reedsport about fundraising for expanding their library. He gave them copies of some of Bandon's proposals. He has been invited to participate in meetings with their City Council. The Ashland non-profit

meeting is scheduled for April 27 and 28. Big grantors will be attending and this is a great opportunity for making personal contact with them.

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Claudine Hundhausen said that this would be a good time to get a bookcase or two for the Friends Room. Attractive and sturdy file cabinets would also be good. Claudine and Harty Joyce volunteered to research this. Claudine has been clipping newspaper articles and posters to create scrapbooks about the BLFF. She suggested that anyone with any clippings, posters or publicity give these to our new historian, Beth Ridenour.

Cathy Johnston said that she had been hearing about Amazon "Kindle". This is an electronic reader that holds thousands of books. Cathy expressed concern about the future of books. Merle Logan said that librarians in New York City were teaching children computer skills, rather than checking things out. Deirdre Krumper speculated that books were likely to be around for the next 30-40 years. Cathy suggested that people bring their book bags on the sale's "Bag Day". The Friends ran low on bags by the last day of the sale. The group discussed the logo for the BLFF's prospective book bag.

New Business:

The next meeting was set for March 31, 2009 at 10:30 am in the Sprague Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

--Deirdre Krumper, Secretary