

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Meeting

April 28, 2009

MINUTES

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

President Merle Logan called the meeting to order at 10:33 am.

Minutes of the BLFF meeting of March 31, 2009 were unanimously approved as corrected on a motion by Horty Joyce and second by Will Piehl.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilcox reported that for March 2009, income was \$451.34 and expenditures were \$699.14. The checking account had about \$21,617.00. The Endowment Fund's balance was \$5,691.00. The Neverending sale made \$411 for March 2009. One certificate of deposit was due to renew in July. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Claudine Hundhausen and second by Horty Joyce.

Library Board: Deirdre Krumper said that there would be a vacancy on the Library Board, beginning in July. The person filling the position would need to be an in-city resident.

Neverending Book Sale: Horty said that \$322 had been made so far for April. She said that some seniors had complained that it was hard to see videos on the bottom shelves.

Library Director's Remarks: Deirdre told the BLFF that State Librarian, Jim Scheppke would be at the library on Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 pm. His topic would be Board Training. About 50 people from around the region were expected to attend. The BLFF had volunteered to provide refreshments. Deirdre and Linda will be working on this. Deirdre thanked Claudine for providing refreshments for Linda Tamura's speech. She announced that Joan Thisby had been selected as the library's new staff person. Deirdre will take vacation from May 9 -14.

Current Business:

Chautauqua series: Merle has not been able to schedule the upcoming programs yet. He has been talking to the organizers and the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

Film Night: Cathy Johnston said that this went well. Maureen Haggerty agreed to help with the next event. The "Big Sleep" will be on May 11 at 7 pm. Horty said that the Barn was showing movies and charging a fee. Their next film, "Australia" will be on April 29.

Travel Night: Claudine said that she had not nailed down a speaker for April. She suggested that May's event be skipped because it was on Memorial Day. Merle suggested moving the date to the 18th. The country covered will be "Guatemala" with Myra Lawson as presenter.

Celia Piehl Poetry Competition: Claudine said that about 50 people attended. Ed Swenson took pictures of the event and Maureen put pictures on the website. Everyone enjoyed it. Will Piehl said that the competition went well and that there were 126 submissions. About 100 came from the Harbor Lights School, 16 were from the high school and 10 were from the Curry County schools.

Will Piehl suggested that Curry County schools might be dropped, since there seemed to be less interest on their parts. He hoped that more emphasis would be put on teenagers' programs. There were two poems submitted that indicated teens in crisis. Will passed the very troubling poems on to the high school officials. There was a problem with plagiarism of the second place poem, which would have received an award for \$100. The award was not made and the student was suspended for a while. This will be Will's last year for active participation in the competition.

Annual Meeting: Merle Logan said that the Annual Meeting was scheduled for May 19 at 10:30. This will be a review what happened during the past year. Linda Wilcox will present the Annual Treasurer's Report, followed by elections of officers. This will be followed by the Regular Meeting.

Other: Claudine Hundhausen said that the last newsletter was very well received. One person offered to give the BLFF two donations. Merle said that he would welcome comments on his posting and noted that several people had offered to donate money to pay for a replacement for the now defunct electric scooter. The new electric cart will arrive at Eugene and Merle will go up there to do a test drive. He said that Kim Flannagan had asked if anyone had volunteered to take over publicity. Merle said that he would send her an e-mail about being able to resign. Claudine volunteered to write an article in the newsletter, thanking Kim for her service.

New Business:

Other: Cathy Johnston said that Jean Hanna's daughter had created a bookmark for the sale, using the library's neon green paper.

Merle had a letter from Port Orford library, reminding him of the Friends of the Libraries of Southwestern Oregon meeting on Saturday, October 17, starting at 9am. Jean Hanna said that the Port Orford people hoped to make this an ongoing coastal event. She stopped in the Cottage Grove library and asked if their Friends would be interested in attending. Some might.

Merle came back from the Medford meeting on nonprofit organizations. Attendees said that Bandon was lucky to get the library built when it did. Some foundations were cutting back and some were no longer contributing on the south coast. Capital projects were also finding a hard time getting funding. Deirdre said that the libraries were in sad shape in Jackson County. Merle said that at the Medford library, there were few computers and an automated checkout system. Some libraries had representatives at the nonprofit meeting looking for assistance with funding. Claudine said that the city of Bandon itself might be looking at a \$90,000 shortfall. The library could be vulnerable to cuts, along with other city departments and functions.

Merle said that some money donated to the BLFF had not been received until much later than the dates of the checks. Deirdre inquired about specifics and said that she would look into it.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

--Deirdre Krumper, Secretary