

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Meeting
January 29, 2008

MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

Minutes of the BLFF meeting of November 27, 2007 were unanimously approved as written on a motion by Jean Hanna and second by Maureen Haggerty.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilcox reported that for November 2007, income was \$1190.56 and expenditures were \$325.00. For December 2007, income was \$2,425.19 and expenses were \$4,468.14. The checking account's current balance was \$21,519.10. The Endowment Fund's balance was \$4,885.00. The Christmas book sale made a net of \$1,278.50. The Neverending sale made \$463 for December, 2007 and \$446 for January, 2008. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Horty Joyce and second by Jean Hanna.

Library Director's Remarks: Deirdre Krumper told the BLFF that the library was experiencing a period of growth. The budget had been turned in to the city and she had copies for anyone who wanted to see it. One feature of the budget was that 90% of tax base funds were now being spent on personnel costs. This put more stress on Memorial funds. The library was being stressed because circulation had outstripped what could be spent on personnel.

Deirdre Krumper said that two possibilities for easing this burden were a self-check circulation module and a security system. The self-check system would be bought by Extended Services for the entire county. All the library would need would be a computer to use as a circulation terminal. The security system would mark primarily DVDs and music CDs at first. This would save work pulling and filing DVDs and prevent theft in CDs. Horty Joyce asked about volunteers helping. Deirdre replied that the library had extensive help with volunteers, but still was stretched. Jean Hanna said that the Coos Bay library was considering having a book store. Discussion followed about staffing of a bookstore

Library Board Update: Merle Logan said that the Library Board had met and discussed the budget. How to alleviate the budget crunch was a major topic. The budget was approved and sent on to City Hall. The next meeting would be February 22, 2008.

Friends of the Library Review: Cathy Johnston said that the Christmas sale did well. The next Christmas sale was set for December 6, 2008: 10-2 pm for members and 2-4 pm for the public. Several people thanked Cathy for having the sale and remarked on how nicely it was set up.

Book Sale: Cathy said that setup would be Wednesday, February 6. She needed paper bags with handles. She passed around work sheets for sale functions. Several people volunteered to make cookies. Merle said that the newsletter had an ad about the sale.

Current Business:

Newsletter: Horty Joyce asked if people could stay after to assemble the newsletter.

Website: Maureen Haggerty said that she would add information about film and Chautauqua nights, as well as noting big donations to the library.

Future sponsored events: Merle discussed the following

- Travel Night: Dick Calvert was ready to present. He would discuss his trip to Thailand on February 25 at 7 pm. Jean Hanna suggested putting Travel Night topic books on display in the library.
- Film Night: This would be on the second Monday in March at 7 pm. Cathy Johnston said that she could not chair this. She brought two movies, Manon of the Spring and Yojimbo as possibilities. Merle said that someone had to arrange the room, put the movie on and sit through it. Linda Wilcox suggested having people volunteer for each night so no one would wind up doing all the work. Cathy agreed to coordinate this. Horty suggested Connie Tyrell as chair and said that she would call her. Cathy said that she would be picking out four movies for the Film Night.
- Chautauqua: Merle got input from many people. He tabulated the results. THE BLFF needed to put an application in, perhaps contact the author and then make arrangements. Three events were the maximum allowed. Cathy said that these could take the place of Film Night. The group agreed. Cathy suggested that “In Search of the Pacific Northwest” go first, followed by “Birdsong”, then “...Mexicanos in Oregon”. The group voted to have these three programs during 2008, on a motion by Maureen Haggerty and second by Horty Joyce. The next tier would be possible for the next year. Maureen volunteered to assist at the events.
- Celia Piehl Poetry Competition: Will Piehl said that he needed to start preparing for this by February 10. He suggested the topic of “Friends and Friendship” and said that last year there were 105 submissions. The cost was between \$600 and \$700. Linda told him that the BLFF had allocated \$1,000 on an ongoing basis for this. Jean Hanna said that she went to a reading of adults in a writing group. She asked if a presentation by adults at the competition would be possible.

Book Bags: Linda Wilcox said that she and Claudine had made 24 book bags, which might be ready for the February sale. They cost \$3.50 to make and would likely sell for \$7.50.

Signage: Merle said Logan that signage was DONE!!! Merle and Lorna would donate the cost of materials and would like a receipt. The total cost was less than \$2,000 for materials.

Other: Merle said that he had received a statement from an old trust. There was not change in its status.

New Business:

Miscellaneous items:

Cathy asked if she could leave a white dot on the signs at the book sale to be listed as "AS Marked". This would give flexibility in pricing. Jean Hanna moved and Horty Joyce seconded that she be allowed to do this. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Wilcox asked how much money could be deposited to the Endowment fund. Cathy Johnston suggested that money raised specifically for the endowment fund be used for that. Jean Hanna asked Deirdre what she needed for the library. Deirdre replied that she needed two new tables for the reading area. Linda said that the BLFF had agreed to spend money for furnishing the Logan/Friends room. Deirdre stated that she would favor adding some money annually to the Endowment fund. Jean Hanna said that the security module, which Deirdre had estimated at \$10,000-\$25,000, would be a good item for a grant. Merle Logan agreed. Cathy said that book sales and donations raised about \$12,000 per year. The BLFF unanimously voted to put \$2,500 into the Endowment fund, on a motion by Linda Wilcox and second by Horty Joyce.

Linda Wilcox asked if book labels had been created to put in new books. Maureen Haggerty said that she had designed new labels and had given Suz a CD so that she could create these at need. Maureen said that there was a problem with the library's internet computers not being able to open the power-point format needed for her internet class tutorials.

Horty Joyce asked if Cathy Johnston needed more short folding shelves for the book sale. Cathy said that she needed taller, free-standing shelves. Linda Wilcox said that the BLFF had dedicated funds for \$200 to buy book shelves. Cathy asked who had manufactured the art hanging system in the hallway. Linda said that she would find out.

The next meeting was set for February 26, 2008 at 10:30 am in the Sprague Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

--Deirdre Krumper, Secretary