

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation

October 28, 2008

MINUTES

Present: Cathy Johnston, Claudine Hundhausen, Merle Logan, Linda Wilcox, Deirdre Krumper, Horty Joyce, Maggie Karl, Kim Flannagan, Maureen Haggerty, Will Piehl, Lloyd Lyman.

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

Minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2008 were approved as corrected on a motion by Horty Joyce and second by Maggie Karl.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Linda Wilcox reported that for September, income was \$586.00 and expenses were \$1,185.51. The Neverending book sale made \$466. The checking account balance was \$23,028.00. Linda said that she would check on CDs for more favorable rates for some of the money in the checking account. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Claudine Hundhausen and second by Horty Joyce.

Library Director's Report: Deirdre Krumper told the BLFF that things were going along smoothly at the library. The county librarians decided to stop putting Social Security numbers on the application forms and would globally purge them from the patron records on the database. The reasons for this were security concerns and a desire to protect patron privacy. She said that she had heard positive reactions to the regional Friends meeting. Long time staffer Jan Ryall would be retiring, effective March 30. Recruiting for another person to fill that position would begin in March, with the City's permission. Deirdre announced that she would be on vacation from November 12–14.

Library Board update: Merle said that not much was happening. He told the board about the activities of the BLFF. The board members were interested in the issue of the Sprague Room closet and the success of the Neverending book sale. Claudine suggested that Library Board members be put on the mailing list for the newsletter. The group thought that this was a good idea.

December Book Sale: Cathy Johnston talked about the next book sale. It will take place on December 6. The sale times will be 10-12 for members and 12-4 for the general public. It will feature Christmas items, including books, gifts, videos and CDs. There will also be home-made treats. Claudine said that she would put out the newsletter just before Thanksgiving in order to include information on the sale. Cathy said that four people were scheduled to help. She also said that a younger man would be useful for book sale sorting since she would not be picking up boxes in the future as a result of her broken wrist.

Neverending Sale: Cathy said that last week's take was very slim. The monthly total would be reduced also. The question arose about access to the box and if people were taking books without paying for them. Various people said that they had had observed browsers taking books without paying.

Current Business:

Friends meeting in Bandon: Merle Logan thought that the meeting went very well. The food was appreciated and there were lots of good comments about the event. Arranging the tables so people faced each other contributed to the interchange. Merle passed out a list of topics discussed. Fund raising was the topic for the morning. When it came to fundraising, Claudine Hundhausen talked about the Friends' store in Port Orford Library. This is open three days a week and sells more than books. Maureen Haggerty said that the group from Florence took illustrated material and made greeting cards. Will Piehl was impressed by the increased place of libraries in the communities. Cathy Johnston said that Bandon's Friends/Foundation had the largest membership of any of the groups taking part in the meeting. Merle got a letter from Geri Harris from Drain. She enjoyed the meeting very much. In another discussion, people noted the absence of men in the Friends groups and the desirability of recruiting them. The next meeting will be in Gold Beach. The attendees decided to have meetings more often than once per year. They also wanted to exchange e-mail addresses. Merle said that the signup sheet could be scanned to give E-mail addresses. He suggested sending to list to the Presidents of the attending Friends groups. Claudine suggested putting the list in the newsletter. The group decided to identify one person from the group to send the newsletter and signup sheet to. Cathy said the meeting had been going on for about five years and had mostly taken place in Coos Bay, though Bandon was asked to host once.

Chautauqua: Merle said that the organization had not finalized the program. There was a question if they would have money for the speakers. February 9 was still the date for "Birdsong...". Deirdre said that April 23 and 24 would be taken for the Title Wave presentation.

Film Night: Cathy said that the posters for "Bride of Frankenstein" were ready to be set up. One person came for the film night in October when it was not scheduled. Maureen suggested a night for a children's movie.

Travel Night: Merle said that Dick Calvert was still on the schedule for November 24. If he is unable to make it, Merle and Lorna could talk about China if Claudine cannot substitute for Dick. After Dick moves, it will be necessary to find a new person to chair this event. Kim Flannagan asked if there was a way to recruit a new person. Merle suggested starting with the newsletter. Victoria Tierney, Barbara Dodrill and Myra Lawson were suggested as possible replacements. Maureen suggested creating a calendar of events.

Book Bags: Linda said the members of Florence Friends brought a sample of their book bag. It was sturdy, with a pocket inside. The one they buy is \$6.97 each, with a minimum order of 36. Maureen Haggerty moved that the BLFF order the minimum order and that Linda Wilcox and Claudine Hundhausen chair the "bag" committee. Cathy Johnston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

"Bandon Cares": Maureen Haggerty said that Horty Joyce would be able to attend and invited others to help. This event will take place on November 15. The afternoon session will have a volunteer fair with tables. It is open to the public from 1 to 4 pm. Claudine Hundhausen volunteered to man the table from 2-4 pm. Linda Wilcox volunteered for the 1-3 pm slot.

Website: Maureen said that the website was up to date and needed more material. Several other Friends and Foundations have websites. Claudine Hundhausen agreed to provide pictures for the site. She suggested using Paypal to get donations online. The group decided to delay this for now.

Sprague Closet: Merle Logan said that work is ongoing on this. He needs to do the BLFF taxes first. He will make a list of closet contents and set up a workshop on their use. The library staff needs a list also.

Other: Kim Flannagan asked if there was ever a membership drive for the BLFF. Claudine said that memberships were available at the start of the book sales and many new members signed up then. Kim suggested the "Bandon Cares" event on Saturday, November 15 could also be a good occasion for getting new members. The Coffee Break was suggested as a possible tie-in. Maureen suggested approaching lifetime members for donations. Merle said that the Endowment Fund was set up as a vehicle for this. Kim suggested that information on how to donate be added to the website.

Claudine Hundhausen said that she wanted to set up a raffle ticket table in the library foyer on Tuesdays during the month of November. This would be for the quilt that was donated to the BLFF. The ticket would be drawn at the Christmas book sale at 4 PM. Deirdre Krumper agreed.

New Business:

The next meeting was set for November 25 at 10:30 am in the Logan/Friends room. The newsletter will be assembled at the same time

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

--Deirdre Krumper, Secretary