

Friends of Library Board Minutes
September 5, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Mary Christensen

Present: Sherri Hironaka, Pam Helfrich, Darlyne Johnson, Mary Christensen, Christina Paulsen, Paula Roberts, Sheryl Yano

Welcome to Paula Roberts and Sheryl Yano, prospective new board members. They each gave a brief introduction why they were interested in joining the board. Sherri read a similar introduction submitted electronically from Lisa Reese's.

Minutes approved, Sherri moved, Christina 2nd

Treasurers Report: Sherri

US Bank	\$24,140.56
1st Security (Barker Trust) credit card	\$ 1,810.32 March statement
1st Security (Stowe Endowment)	\$8,449.96 July statement
Vanguard Accounts Total	\$35,282.50

Treasurers report approved, Pam moved, Christina 2nd

Old Business:

A. Global Village *Sherri*

- Still an unfortunate location, off the beaten path.
- FOL has a banner, that hung at the back of the booth, but it is hard to see until right in front of it. Should we purchase a tall banner to put in front of the booth?
- Kids and parents who came to the booth loved getting free books
- The Kaya American Doll raffle made \$142

B. County Fair *Dar*

- This year the fair had free admission, which Dar said helped attendance
- The location of the bookmobile was good; successful participation
- The raffle basket was great, thanks to Judy Sherwood (past board member and president), who put it together for us. She also bought a large number of animal stuffed animals, so we have plenty for future fairs.
- The 2 bike raffles were also popular

C. Summer Reading Program *Dar*

- Increased teens and adults participation this summer, 300+
- Coordinated with Nyssa and Vale libraries

New Business

A. Webpage and email review *Sherri*

- Sherri reviewed the newly revamped FOL website on a large screen TV, including a handout with address and directions
- www.ontariocommunitylibrary.org friendslibraryontario@gmail.com

- Doreen, library webmaster, redesigned the FOL page with Sherri.
- Website includes FOL Executive Board, Archives (with meeting agendas, minutes, DONATIONS, Facebook link, Photos
- Email minutes to Doreen djones@ontariolibrarydistric.org to be posted on website
- Email photos of any FOL events to be included on website.
- Discussion if we should give a gift to Doreen in gratitude for her work on our behalf. Sherri had already given her a plant when the project was finished.

B. October 20-26 National FOL Week

- Suggestion for have a Stuffed Animal Sleepover
- Discussion about the logistics (kids don't sleep over, just their stuffed animals)
- possible timeline: kids come with animals, hear a bedtime story, put stuffed animals to bed and go home. Next day, come back for animals and a photo of their animal playing in the library, ala' Elf on a Shelf. Suggestion that each kid also gets a book.
- Christina and Mary will organize
- Event doesn't have to take place that week
- FOL events in the past have included coloring and essay contests, raffles, treasure hunts.
- Wednesday night the library is open late.

C. Board positions *Sherri*

- We are so fortunate to have 4 strong candidates who are willing to join the board.
- Members besides officers can serve as ad hoc members; no need to change bylaws
- Sherri pointed out that both she and Pam will resign at the end of the year, so new board members are needed.

D. Vanguard Account *Sherri*

- Sherri received a notice that there were unclaimed assets. She referred the matter to the investment committee to look into.
- Investment committee members: Tom Butler, Kerry Iseri
- Christina asked if it makes sense to stay with Vanguard. Sherri said that Tom and Kerry have done an excellent job of managing our investment assets and would move the monies if that made sense.

E. Arts & Cultural Presentation *Sherri*

- Oregon Arts Commission surveys were done last year
- The Arts Commission is coming to Ontario September 16, 10-11:15 at FRCC
- Janet Komoto, Sheryl Yano, Christina Paulsen (?) will attend

F. Tater Tots Festival September 20-21

- FOL is not participating this year. Maybe next year?

Meeting adjourned 5:06
Next meeting October 10, 4pm