

Friends of the Library

September 9, 2024

Present: Karylanne Brown, Kirsten Badger, Jen Albright, Sharon Freeman, Perry Stokes, Kathy Pererson, Tom Srider, Diana Parsons, Sigrid Johnson and Darlene Hatfield.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. The minutes of the June 10th meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of September 9, 2024 our balance is \$29,466.27

Library Director's Report:

Collections

1. The Baker City Herald's bound volumes dating back to the 1930's, were donated to the library. The Genealogy Room is being remodeled so they can be stored there. Currently they are at the Haines Library.
2. 45 microfilm replacement reels are being completed by UO.

Facilities

1. The exterior painting project, including gutters, soffits, metal work, handrails and boardwalk decorative posts have been completed.
2. Rather than removing the trusses so no one can access the roof, cameras were installed to monitor the building. More wifi is being added to make them more efficient.
3. Air filters have been replaced in the main branch of the library as well as the outlying branches. To encourage the public to clean their filters, a DIY home air filter unit is on display at all the branches.
4. Next on the list are bids for painting the inside of the library, especially the restrooms. Currently in the 5 year plan, as budget allows, the rest of the library will be painted and carpets replaced.

Marketing

1. September is Library Card sign up month and fine forgiveness, on request, until 9/30.
2. The library is considering on-screen ads at Eltrym for \$150/month.
3. BCD Wine Walk, September 19th. The library will be the recipient of a portion of the profits for this event. They are guaranteed 25% of the proceeds. They can increase that amount by passing out Supporter tickets. For every 5 tickets turned in at the Wine Walk the library will get another 5% of the profits, up to 50% total.

Programs & Services

1. A Banned Books documentary will be shown on the 27th of September.
2. Spanish Language registration cards are coming soon.

Staff

1. An all day training session for staff was held on August 22nd. Many topics were covered.

Book Shop and Donations

We have had large quantities of donations. Our bookstore has been completely restocked and is open for business. The book shop continues to make regular amounts of money.

Old Business

1. Our branch visit to Richland and Halfway is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th. There will be 9 of us attending.
2. Summer Book Sale - we made over \$2000 at our sale this year. Most books that did not sell were given free to anyone who chose to take them.

New Business

1. Our Book Page renewal is due in November. It was a unanimous decision to continue our subscription.
2. We received a \$250 donation from Aletha Bonebrake in memory of Nancy Johnson, our former treasurer.

Director's Presentation

Perry shared all the recent changes and additions to the library Website. The information that is now available on line to a library card holder is absolutely amazing.

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 9th 2024 at 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Freeman, Secretary