

Friends of Baker County Library

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2018

Present: Barbara Prowell, Nancy Johnson, Julianne Williams, Perry Stokes (BCL Dir.)

The meeting was opened at 3:30PM.

Treasurer's Report: The yearend bank statement showed a balance of \$24,805.43. Library staff has deposited an additional \$533 on Jan. 25 to bring the balance to \$25,338.43 at the end of January.

Old Business:

- Stokes reported that library logo flags and banners were ordered today. There will be 2 banners for the Baker City library and 6 flags for the branch libraries.
- Stokes reported that six new metal garbage cans have been ordered and are still in production per the vendor. There is no delivery date yet.
- Library book bags. Stokes reported that it would cost about \$7.50 to have them customized. The Friends voted not to purchase any book bags.
- Teen Room: Stokes reported that the shelving is in storage and the carpet is on back order. Installation is scheduled for the third week in March.

New Business:

- Summer book sale. Williams reported that the Friends do not currently have enough members to organize and run the book sale. She suggested that possibly the AAUW could work on it. Stokes said for that group to be involved would be outside the Library's mission. He feels that since the book sale is the Library's main fundraising activity it will go on. The Literacy Coalition is running the February books sale and receiving its proceeds as that group supports part of the Library's mission statement.
- Book shop: Williams reported that the Friends do not want old textbooks included in the book shop inventory. They can be included in the summer/winter book sales. Williams inquired about reinstating the Friends ability to determine "price as marked" books prices. Stokes suggested selling them at 50% off at some point. Prowell said that the discarded free Library books create a messy situation in the book shop, and asked if they could be put someplace else. Stokes will see if they can be better organized, and pointed out that weeding the collection is an ongoing project. He said lots of these materials are popular with library users.
- Battle of Books: Stokes reported that the local competition as taken place and requested the Friends cover the purchase of T-shirts for the regional meet. Williams moved to allocate up to \$500 for T-shirts and a pizza party for the Baker City group. Motion passed. Stokes will contact Kata Bulinski about getting the T-shirts made.

- ALA posters and bookmarks: Stokes requested \$150 for the purchase of new posters and updated bookmarks for distribution to the branches and main library. Williams moved to allocate up to \$150 for these materials. Motion passed.
- Free comic book day: Stokes reported that this was a very popular event last year. However, Crossroads did not receive grant money for it this year, and he was requesting \$500 toward the purchase of 1,400 comic books. After much discussion about the value of comic books Johnson moved to allocate \$500 for comic books and shipping charges. Motion passed.
- Volunteer recognition: Sylvia Bowers is the new Volunteer Coordinator. She gave a presentation about how she interviews applicants and hopes to have them recognized. She would like to have photos of volunteers displayed in the staff room, and give new volunteers a small gift. The Friends recommended not giving out gifts and would rather see a social event where volunteers from throughout the system could get acquainted with each other. A pizza party was suggested. The Friends are being asked to cover volunteer recognition in order to avoid any question about how public funds are spent. \$250 was allocated for volunteer recognition. Bowers gave Friends the names of five people who would like to be contacted about Friends activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 9, at 3:30PM at the Library.

Respectfully submitted by

Julianne Williams

Secretary pro tem