

Friends of Baker County Library
August 21, 2013

Present: Nancy Johnson, Barbara Prowell, Kata Bulinski, Perry Stokes (BCL Director), Carmen Wickam (BCL staff), Julianne Williams

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Bulinski at 3:30 PM.

Minutes: Minutes of the July meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: Johnson reported that our account has \$12,663.10. Receipts are needed in order for her to pay for expenses. The book sale netted approximately \$2,495.25 (credit card sales not included in this amount). Report accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

- **Book Sale:** Unsold books went to Better World Books, a nonprofit. They supplied boxes and paid for shipping. Any books they sell online earn BCL some money. Unsold items go to countries learning English. BCL can send quarterly shipments including library discards. Some left over book sale books went to the Baker County jail. Toward the end of the sale various local groups were called to come for left over books, but few—if any—picked up books. The pre-sale event netted 10 new memberships.

In the future all publicity needs to be reviewed for consistency and accuracy. (Miners Jubilee booklet goes to press about 45 days before the event.) FOL should set book sale dates by May meeting. Bookmarks with sales information did not draw in more sales. There was discussion about getting a vinyl banner to display near the circ desk, one that could be reused. Wickham said handing out bookmarks ahead of time was well received, but we don't need to have them in the parade. Letting buyers know book prices ahead of time worked well. On the last Saturday 15 bags of books were sold, and 10 bags on Sunday.

Johnson needs the amount we took in for new memberships vs. book sales. There was discussion about requiring paid membership for access to preview sale. Should we provide name tabs for members? Should we change the membership year from a FY to a calendar year? Membership cards? It was suggested to make name tags for paid members and honorary members and use this for giving access to the preview sale. Prowell moved to change the membership year from a FY to a calendar year. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed. This will begin in Jan 2014. Those who joined in mid 2013 will have their membership run through 2014. Anyone newly joining midyear will have tier membership expire 12/2013.

- Pearson asked if the FOL could supply more volunteers for sorting donations.
- Stokes reported that Melissa Shafer needs volunteers to work at the end of summer carnival for children. Date: August 14, 2013.

- Historic photos for branch libraries: Halfway has wall space but still needs to select photos for prints. Halfway also needs a digital frame. BCL staff will select photos for Halfway to review, and will order the digital frame. Bulinski moved to purchase a digital frame an estimated \$130.00 for Halfway. Sara Durflinger will select photos. Seconded by Williams. Motion passed. BCL staff will present final cost for prints and frames at a future meeting.

New Business:

- Mission statement for Friends of the Library: Bulinski distributed copies of a draft statement for study. Sara Durflinger created a presentation about the FOL that was on display at the book sale.
- Email addresses: Williams and Bulinski will get email addresses of members. Williams will add street addresses to the roster.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be September 18, 2013, at 3:30 PM at the Library.

Respectfully submitted by

Julianne Williams

Secretary