

Friends of Baker County Library
Regular Meeting - Minutes
April 16, 2014
Baker County Public Library, Archive Room

Present: Kata Bulinski, Barbara Prowell, Nancy Johnson, Carmen Wickam, Julianne Williams

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

Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson reported one check was outstanding. If that is deducted, the Friends have a balance of \$14,546.12.

Old Business:

- **Oregon Reads:** Kata and Perry Stokes are contacting presenters for the September, 2014, event. Tina Tau will present a talk at Crossroads' Literary Night. The Kulogs will provide her lodging. On Saturday Tau will give a poetry workshop. Her honorarium for both days will be \$400 plus approximately \$336 for mileage from Portland and back. Stokes has contacted the office of the Oregon Poet Laureate but not heard back from them yet regarding our other speaker choices. He is also looking into the Oregon Humanities Conversations program.
- **Glass Wall of Poetry:** Kata provided information on words on vinyl window 'clings.' It was decided to have a commercial print shop make them up. Kata may contact local schools to see if they want their classes involved. She will find costs on the vinyl sheets and printing.
- **Window Film on Library Story Room:** This film filters sunlight and reduces glare in the room. Williams moved that the Friends pay \$145 plus shipping if needed for the purchase of six additional rolls of film to cover the remaining 20 feet of window space. Prowell seconded the motion, and it passed. Those in attendance at the meeting made a quick field trip to see how the film worked in the Story Room. (No travel expenses were incurred!)
- **Offsite volunteer hours:** Wickam's form tracking offsite volunteer hours was discussed. Williams passed one around for those in attendance to sign. Volunteer hours can be of use when applying for grants. Hours should be tallied by fiscal year.
- **Battle of the Books:** Courtney Snyder thanked the Friends for their support through the purchase of T-shirts and sponsoring of the pizza party for the library's teams. Wickam submitted the bill for the party to Johnson.
- **Tour de Branches:** The Friends are interested in becoming acquainted with branch libraries. It looks like a Friday would be the most convenient day for Library staffs and Friends. It is also a day that branch libraries are open. Williams offered to drive her car and can take 3 people with her. Richland and Halfway libraries will be visited on the same day. Kata will contact branch library staff to work out dates and times.

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New Business:

- **New Officers:** Bulinski, Johnson, and Williams have been in office about four years, and all wish to let new people take over. Bulinski will compose a memo that Williams will send to all members that she has email addresses for. New officers should take office July 1, the beginning of the Friends' fiscal year. A brief article will also be submitted to the newspapers and sent out to branch libraries.
- **Bylaws:** Bulinski, Johnson, and Williams will meet at Williams' home April 23 to create a draft of "operating guidelines" for submission to the Friends' membership, Library Foundation and Library Director. The goal is to provide new officers with a framework of how the Friends are organized and describe our mission.

Our next meeting will be May 28, the fourth Wednesday of May, at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Julianne Williams

Secretary