

Friends of Baker County Library

Regular Meeting - Minutes

May 21, 2014

Baker County Public Library, Archive Room

Present: Pres. Kata Bulinski, Nancy Johnson, Jen Albright, Carmen Wickam (BCL), Judy Baker, Julianne Williams

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

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

Treasurer's report: Johnson's report was accepted as submitted. Our current balance at Umpqua Band (bank had name change) is **\$14,394.23**. Johnson requested a receipt for expenses from the Halfway Library's garden project.

Old Business:

- Tour de Branches: Kata reviewed the tours to Richland, Halfway, Haines, and Huntington's libraries. Discussed the Friends trying to strike a balance between projects that the Friends think would be good for the branches vs. what the local library staffs themselves think is needed and important for their libraries. Perhaps we should ask the branch staffs for their wish lists. The digital photo frames the Friends supplied to some libraries have not been put on display. The Friends will visit the Sumpter Library on May 30.
- Procedures and Policies document: Copies were distributed for review.
- Publicity: Judy Baker feels the Friends need more publicity, perhaps more photos and articles in the newspapers. She noted that the Vancouver Public Library (British Columbia) has signage about its Friends in the lobby. This library also has quotes about reading on its glass windows. Could we use a sandwich board at our main entrance?
- Wall of poetry: Discussed the idea of putting plastic 'clings' of words on windows. There is concern about the cost and equipment needed to do it, also about the possibility of offensive language. Instead of using clings the idea of putting entire quotes about reading on the windows was discussed. The Friends and Library staff would be responsible for choosing wording. Bulinski and Williams will look at this technique which is already in use at the Baker Heritage Museum and local merchants.

New Business:

- There was discussion on the pros and cons of putting various appliances in the Haines Library's meeting room. It was decided to contact Katie Ash, the new librarian, about what would work best and be on her wish list. Perhaps an electric tea kettle or two electric coffee pots?

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Our next regular business meeting will be Wednesday, June 18th, at 3:30PM. A special meeting to create a FOBCL budget for the next FY will be May 28th, at 3:30PM at the Library. All members are welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Julianne Williams

Secretary