

Friends of the Ontario Community Library Executive Board
(Established as Friends of the Malheur County Public Library, Inc 03-11-1987)

Meeting Minutes – Annual Executive Board Organizational Meeting
October 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mary Christensen, Vice President
Present:

Christina Paulson, Membership
Pam Helfrich, Secretary
Mary Christensen, Vice President
Sherri Hironaka, Treasurer
Darlyne Johnson, Library Representative

Guests: Sheryl Yano, Lisa Reeser

Agenda:

This agenda was published October 9, 2024. The public is invited to attend board meetings.

Agenda adopted, motion to adopt, Pam, seconded, Christina
Minutes adopted as printed, motion to adopt, Sherri, seconded Christina
(Sheryl and Lisa received printed copies of the minutes, for background context of issues discussed)

Treasurers Report: Sherri

- See printed report
- New secretary and treasurer will go to US Bank and 1st Security Bank with these minutes to change signatures on account.
- Once Tom Butler has the slate of newly elected officers, he can make the necessary transfer of funds that were deposited in the wrong account
- Sherri explained the history of the Stowe Endowment for the benefit of the new members, and how vital it is to the financial health of the FOL. It stipulates that the interest can only be spent on printed material. 80% of each year's dividends is deposited in FOL's account, 20% is added to the principal. Tom Butler and Kerri Iseri are the trustees. FOL donates \$5K+ each year to the library, depending on that year's earnings.
- The current Stowe Endowment 2024 dividend is \$8,470.94

Unfinished Business

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK (October 20-26)

Library Sleep-over: Mary & Christina

- Thursday, October 24th
- Kids will bring their stuffed animal for a snack, craft and story time.
- Paula Roberts volunteered to take Polaroid photos of each kid with their stuffy (to identify owners and stuffies)
- Kids will decorate shoe boxes for the bed, have snacks and hear a story
- The stuffies spend the night and have excellent adventures
- Friday afternoon, kids return for their stuffy, with a photo of their adventure and a new book
- Dar requested that FOL members read the stories rather than Doreen, the children's librarian. Sheryl,

Christina and Mary volunteered

- As of today, only two kids have registered. Lisa volunteered to take the event flier to Ontario District office to get permission to send info to elementary schools via a text message to parents called REMIND
- Enterprise will cover the event. Mary raised the concern of privacy, but the permission slip covers that and, as Sherri pointed out, both local papers know the protocol of photographing minors

New Business

Halloween FRCC Trunk r Treat October 31 3:30-6:00

- Mary signed up her car to use, on behalf of FOL, Sherri offered to help decorate it
- Sheryl and Mary will pass out book bags
- Sherri will pick up bags from library

Board Organization/Election of New Officers

- Sherri presented the Executive Board Responsibilities and schedule of annual FOL events
- Sherri announced that she was resigning from the board due to family and health reasons
- After much discussion the slate of new officers is
 - Christina Paulson President
 - Mary Christensen Vice-President
 - Lisa Resser Secretary
 - Sheryl Yano Treasurer
 - Pam Helfrich Membership
- Motion to approve new slate of officers 1st, Christina, 2nd, Pam. Motion passed unanimously
- Paula Roberts has volunteered to help with special events and projects
- New office positions begin at the November meeting. Everyone promised to help their replacement with the transition.

Next meeting

November 7, 2024, 4pm

Respectably submitted, Pam
Helfrich