

## FRIENDS OF BAKER COUNTY LIBRARY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board  
Held on Wednesday May 9th, 2018  
in the Archive Room, Baker County Library

**Present:** Julianne Williams, Jen Albright, Nancy Johnson, Barbara Prowell, Perry Stokes (BLD Dir.)  
Julianne called the meeting to order at 3.35 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as correct.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Nancy presented her report for the months January to April 2018. We have \$ 24,266.38 in our account.

### **Book Shop Report**

No figures for book shop sales were available. The new shelving in the book shop for library discards makes the area much tidier and the stock more accessible. Thanks to Perry for organizing the shelves.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The new garbage can containers are out. They look good and are stable. Haines Library provided with one container.

#### ***Teen Room***

Caters for ages 12 to 18. Room is functional but still requires additional furniture and equipment. More shelves to be acquired next year.

#### ***Banners and signs***

Still no sign of the lost banners and signs. In future we need a designated storage space for the signs and other Friends equipment. Perry suggested the space under the sink in the meeting room and Friends will consider this suggestion.

***Battle of the Books.*** Courtney Snyder organized a great event for celebrating the Battle of the Books. Games in which participants had to follow clues around the library to find answers to questions proved popular. Middle and High School teams both did very well in the Battle of the Books and the organizers noticed that students were more dedicated this year. Baker High School students were one of two teams from our region sent to the final. The students missed winning by one point!

#### ***Free Comic Book Day.***

The Comic Book Day was again very popular and more people were recorded using the library on that day. A number of people attended in costume and the library received many compliments on the event. However, shipping costs to the library doubled since last year. Comic related items donated by Heather Spry for prizes proved very popular. It should be noted that in this community, the library is the only resource for comic books.

#### ***Volunteer Recognition***

Sylvia Bowers was complimented on the wonderful job she did to recognize the Library volunteers. The food was very good and left overs were donated to the Battle of the Books celebration which took place that evening. Previously Friends suggested handing out gift certificates to volunteers at the occasion but that did not happen. We should keep it in mind for future volunteer events.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***Summer Book Sale***

The book sale will be held from July 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, with pack up day on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> will be a bag sale day. It was suggested that we keep to last year's times. A member of staff will open the library at nine on the first Saturday. Publicity dates were discussed. Julianne agreed to contact the newspapers to advertise the sale and asked Perry to provide a current volunteer sign-up sheet for the library. A current list of volunteers is also required. Three weeks before the sale a call for volunteers to be put in newspapers and Go Magazine. Notice of the sale must be in the Miner's Jubilee booklet and advertisements placed with radio stations and social media. Perry will take care of social media and provide posters to advertise the sale in the Library, in branches and around town.

#### ***Equipment***

Only two of our bank bags remained after last book sale but Nancy said we do not require more.

We need about 100 book ends as well as enough easels for priced as marked books. We can borrow from the library to add to book shop stock.

Tables to be borrowed from Crossroads and Friends agreed to providing a donation of \$ 10 per table. Jen will see Ginger Savage to arrange the loan. Perry said Ed Adamson can collect the tables in the library pickup and also help with moving of furniture from the meeting room. The Hollywood Room to be reserved for storage of furniture.

#### ***Requests from Library Director***

A retirement gift valued at \$150 for Carmen Wickam was discussed. Suggested that Perry contact her son Adam for ideas. Julianne made a motion to allocate \$150 for a retirement gift for Carmen. Motion seconded by Barbara and passed unanimously.

Virtual Reality Exhibit. Perry described virtual reality technology and said the Library wished to build an exhibit to be available by reservation to library patrons several times a month. Information about virtual reality was provided and is attached to the minutes. The project will cost \$2000. Julianne made a motion that the Friends allocate \$2000 for a virtual reality system (with the proviso that Friends get to try it out before the public!). The motion was seconded by Jen and passed with one abstention.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.30 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3.30 pm. in the Library Archive Room.

Jen Albright