




**Minutes of Meeting of
Friends of North Plains Public Library
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR
May 19, 2014**

Officers Present: Carolyn Leavitt, Treasurer; Marrina Abeln, Secretary

Members at Large Present: Sheila Nelson, Chris Lantz

Absent: Patti Tyson, Margaret Reh

Others Present: Norma Tucker, Diane VanGrunsven

Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sheila Nelson made a motion; Norma Tucker seconded the motion to approve the April 2014 minutes. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

No Director Report : Debbie is continuing recovering, no report was given. Movie night is now going to be held at Jessie Mays for the First Friday Night Flicks instead of the library.

No Library Board Report: No Board report was given because the board meeting had been canceled due to Debbie out recovering from surgery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Carolyn Leavitt

Assets:

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| Checking Account | \$1,778.08 |
| Money Market | <u>\$25,422.88</u> |
| Total | \$27,200.96 |

April /May Income

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| Amazon Smile | \$13.79 |
| Fred Meyer Rewards | \$26.67 |
| Online book sales | \$111.65 |
| United Way | \$50.00 |

April/May Expense

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| Ground Lease Fee | \$30.00 |
| Flowers for Debbie Brodie | \$17.00 |
| Art of the Story Telling | \$1700.00 |
| Volunteer Fund | \$200.00 |
| Movie Night Refreshments | \$24.77 |

We are getting income from the Amazon Smile along with the Fred Meyer rewards program. Nine people are signed up for the Fred Meyer's reward program. We have

received and been holding on to money collected for the Art of the Story telling through grants received and have been holding this money for WCCLS. They have not asked for the money so Carolyn sat down with Carol Aldrich and decided to send it off to them and let them have the money on their book. It was decided to hold just \$300.00 that is a donation from Recology to be put toward future Art of the Story telling events to give them to credit specifically for their donation. Grant money should be going straight to WCCLS and not come to us.

Membership: Roni Andrews

Roni was absent but Carolyn will get in touch with her to see if she needs anything before the June meeting.

Online Book Sales: Chris Lantz

Books are selling, lots of books being received and they are sold in some cases as fast as they are posted. Books are still being posted for nothing less than 4.99 minimum. In looking up other similar books, they can determine the selling price based on how many there are listed for sale on line called ranking and rating some are being sold for more depending on how fast they are being sold. The online book sales has not been without some bumps, because there were a couple of returns, Amazon puts a two week hold to make sure we are not getting returns from the books sold. The money does come but Amazon wants to make sure the customer is happy with the sale and they are not having to use their money to refund the customer for the return. Some books don't have an ISBN, and if you ask for a special dispensation, Amazon will allow a book seller to post books without an ISBN. This has to be cleared through Amazon and Chris hopes to get that resolved soon. There are still books in boxes to be posted and more boxes of books are continuing to be donated. Donna Medica has requested to use some of the books from the donations to the Online sales to refresh the cart that is at the library. It was determined that when this cart is not updated with new titles of books, that the sale of the books drops and none are being sold. There are five people currently posting books on Thursday night. Some limitations are the fact that there are only 3 computers available for posting. Chris talked about adding a new posting day, it was discussed to add Tuesday during the day for an online posting day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review proposed 2014/2015 Friends Budget – The finance committee met along with Norma Tucker who will be taking over as secretary in this next election of officers in July. Copies were made and distributed to each participant to be reviewed. Some of the categories were realigned to show adult and youth programs rather than specific events.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning the June 9, 2014 General Membership meeting to discuss ownership of the Library – Chris will give a presentation on the online sales and Carolyn will talk about fundraisers. An email invite was created and will be sent out to all members. It will be a celebration of 10 years since the groundbreaking. It was sent around for review to make sure

all the information was accurate and worded correctly. The building was not built for 2 years after the ground was secured for the building of the library. Now, a decision must be made to sign a new lease, or to not sign the lease and at this point the building would go back to the City of North Plains. Sheila, Carolyn went to City Council to hear about the ground lease issue. There was some confusion which caused the City council to prompt the group for a presentation, for which turned into a question/answer session. The reason for the FNPPL was to turn the Building back over to the city which was the original plan when the lease was first signed. The city maintains the building, and they own all the contents so all that is left is the building itself. The friends will continue to operate as they always have with supporting library services, along with planned events; Carolyn will present a library finance report. The concern is that the library continues to operate as a library and the distinction needs to be made in the meeting to clarify the building, the ground, and the contents of the library. Diane was able to give a history, which is something she will also do at the June meeting to clear up the concerns with signing or not signing a new lease for the land.

A discussion resulted with pros and cons discussed, and each person gave their concerns with an agreement that was reached by the friends that will be discussed at the June meeting with individual presentations along with inviting all members to come and discuss and clarify concerns with the Friends members as well. A panel consisting of Carolyn, Chris, Margaret, Diane and Sheila will be set up as a panel to provide answers to member's questions and concerns. It is the desire of the FNPPL to focus on fund raising to be the main mission and primary focus as they always have been.

Finalizing a slate of New Officers and board members – this will be voted on at the end of the June meeting. Nominated, as new officers for 2014 / 2015 will be:

Carolyn Leavitt – President
Margaret Reh – Vice President
Norma Tucker – Treasurer
Marrina Abeln – Secretary

Members at Large

Mark Susbauer
Sheila Nelson
Lynda Jones
Chris Lantz

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, 6/9/2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library