



**Minutes of Meeting For  
Friends of North Plains Public Library  
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR  
December 8, 2014**

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**Officers Present:** Carolyn Leavitt, President; Margaret Reh, Vice President; Norma Tucker, Treasurer; Marrina Abeln, Secretary

**Members at Large Present:** Mark Susbauer, Sheila Nelson, Lynda Jones, Chris Lantz

**Others Present:** Debbie Olson, Carol Aldrich + 1 other

**Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:30 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Margaret Reh made a motion; Chris Lantz seconded the motion to approve the November 2014 minutes with corrections. The minutes of the meeting, were unanimously approved.**

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Carol Aldrich (in Debbie's Absence)**

Carol gave Debbie's report. A written report was passed out at the meeting. Carol reported that the craft fair is in full swing and has already sold \$200 worth of craft items with more items continuing to come in daily. A question was raised regarding the publicity with WCCLS for the author event, Carol reported that WCCLS chooses what they highlight and by having Larrissa on the publicity committee, it give us an opportunity to have someone to promote our events. The Library buzz will also promote the author event. Amanda Gorman created a flyer for the quilt that will be raffled off in August 2015. For the paperbacks, pulled from the library shelves, these are items that cannot be sold online. However, Jackie is checking into donating the paperback books to the prisons, they also can be sold at the physical book sale. To see the full report, select the blue link to view the [Library Director's Report](#)

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Mark Susbauer**

There was no official board meeting in the month of November. Germain Montoya and Mark Susbauer attended the Forest Grove Library Commission meeting held on Monday November 17, 2014 to hear a presentation on strategic planning for Public Libraries. Mike Smith, former Hillsboro library director gave the presentation based on what Hillsboro did and how they did it. The reason for this presentation is FGPL and NPPL need to plan for the future. Our world; communities, as well as communications are changing and we will need to change to stay current. Starting with strategic planning process, a committee will

be formed of board members, Friends group, elected officials, and community members. Hillsboro has approximately 17 members on their committee. The first priority of this planning process is to assess the community needs, secondly service priorities must be set, and finally resources need to be assigned. Once this is done, goals and objectives need to be written so it can be communicated as to how to implement this strategic plan. NPPL board will be discussing this at their next meeting Wednesday December 10, 2014 along with reviewing board policies.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer: Norma Tucker**

**FNPL Balance Sheet**  
As of November 10, 2014

**Assets:**

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Checking	\$4,821.92
Money Market	<u>\$22,425.66</u>

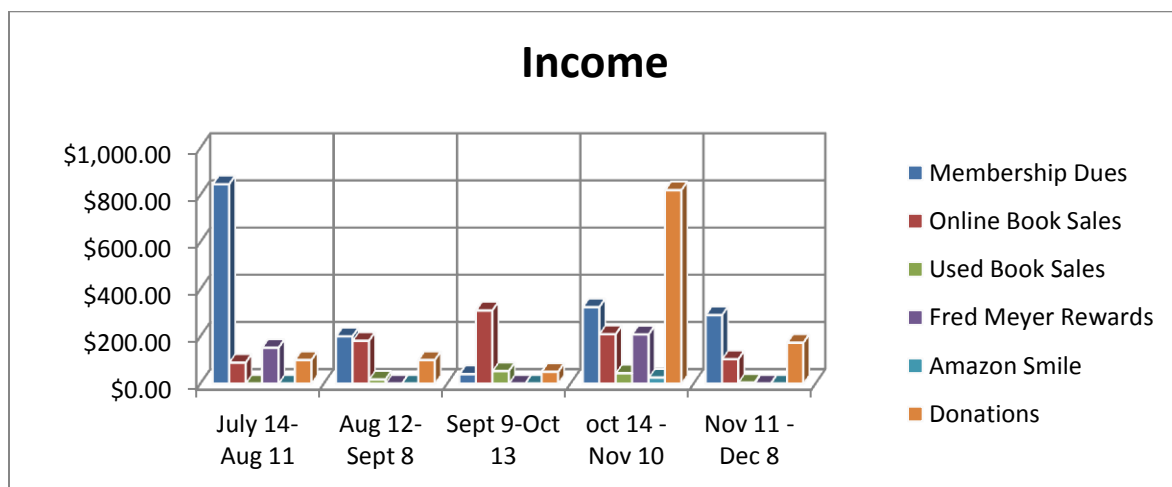
**Total Assets:      \$27,247.58**

**Income:**

Online book sales	\$103.24
Membership	\$290.00
Used Book Sell	\$4.00
Donations	\$172.60

**Expenses:**

Reception	\$36.38
Movie Night	\$13.23
Volunteer candy	\$17.00
Bank Fees	\$34.55



### **Membership Report: Carolyn Leavitt**

67 members is the current total count of members to date. Norma recently submitted several more additional memberships, which now will bring our count to over 70 members. There was a 100% response from the letters Carolyn sent out and now renewal can be done online.

### **Online Book Sales: Chris Lantz**

Sales are steady; Debbie has produced a graph that was passed around with the sales of the online books. Chris and Debbie have gone through some of the books and reduced the prices, which allowed for more books to sale and have sold with the price reduction. We continue to have a five star rating but our but percentage has dropped to 97% due to some order cancellations. There will need to be a discussion regarding the future of the of our online book sales and the location with the idea in mind to secure a larger location that may be able to be storefront that would allow us to sell books as well as post them online. There is some concern about the safety and the items stored in the room not related to the book sales. This will be a future meeting discussion. Over 300 books have been sold since the online book sales have started. Once we start selling over 40 books consistently each month we can convert to the professional seller's status, which charges a flat fee of \$39.99 per month in place of the \$0.99 charge per item. We are not quite at that level yet, an average of 31 books per month are sold with the online book sales.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Engraving of tiles report – Chris**

Nothing to report, we are waiting for good weather and the engraver to be available.

#### **Park Board Meeting Report: Carolyn, Norma**

The Park Board has approved the conceptual design. This is a 2.5 million dollar project. The focus seems to be on the Garlic festival. There will be a small meeting room, along with a larger room and an expanded kitchen. There will be porches all the way around the building and the parking will be street parking only. One side of the porches will be enclosed which will expand the larger room. The tennis courts are scheduled to be removed, but the basketball court will remain. There is more information on the City web site. The building and engineering will take at least 2 years. There are funds that will come in with the new housing that is under construction currently in our community.

### **Tech Soup order report – Carolyn**

There have been problems with the web site and Carolyn cannot access the shopping cart on their web site. Office software is available for a reasonable price that would be useful to those members who do library work which includes the online book sales. Carolyn invited those interested to look over the web site.

### **NEW Business**

#### **Artist reception – January 9, 6 p.m.**

Carolyn asked for volunteers to help with this reception. There will need to be some items purchased for this event, a discussion reviewed all the needs for the food, drink and decorations. This event will feature Jurrens' abstract expressionist paintings. Lynda offered to be available; Staff member Larissa will also be setting up for the event. Norma offered to pick up items from Costco.

#### **Planning for Evening with Author, Robin Cody**

The committee group has secured Robin Cody to be the first author event. Carolyn encouraged the friends group to participate and assist with the set up and clean up. Oregon Cultural Trust has not contacted the friends regarding the grant and since the other grant for the Oregon Humanities is due December 15, Carolyn wants to go ahead with submitting that grant. Lynda, Jennifer Knowles and Carolyn will prepare that grant to be submitted. Chris has worked on some promotional ideas, and was able to pass around some of her ideas for everyone to see. Chris requested more specifics, and Lynda will be submitting the bio for Robin Cody along a picture as will each of the remaining authors. Molly Gloss is confirmed as well as Kathy Masarai to come and be our featured authors. Lynda will email the authors for their information and a picture. This event is scheduled for January 24, 2015. Margaret offered to put something in the City Newsletter. He will be bringing his books to sell and sign. By listing his books, it will give those who attend an idea of his writing style. Carolyn asked everyone who wants to help to show up at 6pm to help set up. There will be a signup sheet to use for the event allowing people to sign in, giving their email addresses so that we can use that opportunity to invite those who attend to future events. Carol Aldrich encouraged getting Larissa involved since she is on the publicity committee for the WCCLS to help promote our author events.

#### **Discuss Future Book Sale event**

Chris reported that our storage unit is full to the brim and a decision needs to be made to either save the books for the book sale or donate them to another organization. These books are not going to be posted with the online book sale. Mark reported that Forest Grove had a book sale, which they hold twice a year. It was a weeklong event and the sales totaled \$5000. Debbie Olsen asked Carol to come up with the amount of hours spent on the online book sales versus the physical book sales. While books have to be brought in, set up on tables, for this three day event, it takes a solid commitment. Margaret suggested having just a

few tables set up not the entire room. The idea is to take the books collected throughout the year that cannot be sold online and sell them in the book sale. Then at the end of the book sale, the remaining books can be donated and start fresh for the next year. Getting students to volunteer would really help with the set up and tear down. We will need to make a decision and contact Patti Burns and the Garlic festival group to let them know how much space we will need. Norma and Carolyn were able to collect ideas from a previous meeting to make our book sales a success. After the author event, Carolyn will bring up this up again on our agenda to make the final decision. Chris would like to see an email generated to get a count of who would be interested to participate.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, 1/12/2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library**

## Director's Report for Friends' Meeting: December 8, 2014

**Holiday Craft Fair.** Do your holiday shopping at the Library! Local crafters donate their creations to the Library for this annual fundraiser. Every day the Library is open through **December 24**, there will be a table by the checkout desk of quality, hand-made items available for purchase at bargain prices. Support the Library by purchasing your holiday gifts from us.

**Holiday Closures.** The Library will close at 3:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 24** for Christmas Eve and will be closed all day on **Thursday, December 25** for Christmas Day.

The Library will close at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 31** for New Year's Eve and will be closed all day on **Thursday, January 1** for New Year's Day.

**Art Exhibits.** The art exhibit on display in **December** in the Library features a variety of images by photographer **Charlie Hyman** that focus on the west coast and on the fall and winter seasons. The artist's website:  
<http://www.charliehymanphoto.org/about.html>.

The art exhibit in **January and February** will feature abstract paintings by Hillsboro artist Jeff Jurrens. A reception will be held in his honor on **Friday, January 9, 2015** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Library, and the public is invited to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served.

Jurrens' abstract expressionist paintings are large, geometric, textured, and colorful. He has been painting since retiring from the Hillsboro Fire Department in 2005, inspired by a lifelong appreciation of art and influenced by New York's abstract expressionism movement of the 1950s.

**Quilt Display.** The holiday quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **December** is titled, Deck-Ade the Halls (using 10 fabrics, in 10 blocks, and celebrating 10 years of existence for the Fat Quarter Shop in Manchaca, TX). It was made by Westside Quilters Guild member, Marcia Elliott.

**New Raffle Quilt!** Many thanks to Westside Quilters Guild members for their generous donation of this colorful quilt for the Library to raffle as a fundraiser. This quilt will be on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **January**. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold throughout the coming year until the winning ticket is drawn at the annual Elephant Garlic Festival in August. Each ticket is \$1, or 6 tickets will be issued for \$5. Each block features a different, brightly colored pinwheel on a white patterned background, and the entire piece is machine-quilted. It measures six feet square.

**Storytimes.** Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library.

- **December 10** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Chickens and Foxes
- **December 17** Special Guest Storytime with City Councilor Teri Lenahan: Curiosities and Surprises
- **December 24** Special Guest Storytime with Santa Claus!
- **December 31** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Mice
- **January 7** Storytime with Miss Marion: Trolls, Gnomes, and Tomtar

**Library Book Club.** Join us on **Wednesday, December 17** at 7:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss the fantasy-adventure-suspense novel, Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore, by Robin Sloan. "After a layoff during the Great Recession sidelines his tech career, Clay Jannon takes a job at a bookstore in San Francisco and soon realizes that the establishment is a facade for a strange secret.." - *Text provided by the publisher.*

Come enjoy our annual Book Club Potluck Dinner at the Library on **Thursday, January 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** This is when the book choices are finalized for 2015, and it is a perfect time to join our group and participate in the selections. If you are interested, please contact the Library at 503-647-5051 and give us your name and email. We will be in touch with all the details for our potluck and book choosing process.

**First Friday Flick** – Join us on the first Friday of each month at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 6 p.m. for a FREE movie showing. On **Friday, January 2**, come sing along to the tunes of the newest Disney movie release - *Frozen*. Inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story of the Snow Queen, the songs in this movie involve a princess who turns everything to ice.

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, January 8** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, January 12** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**An Evening with an Author.** The Friends of the North Plains Public Library will host the first event of its "An Evening with an Author" series on **Saturday, January 24** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library. Oregon author Robin Cody has been invited to launch this new program. His published works include both fiction and non-fiction books.

Cody was born in [St. Helens](#). His family moved to Estacada when he was five and remained there for nearly 50 years. Cody graduated from [Yale University](#), taught in the [American School of Paris](#), France, and was the Dean of Admissions

for [Reed College](#). In 1984, he became a writer with [The Oregonian](#). One of his stories won the [Western Writers of America](#) Silver [Spur Award](#) for short non-fiction in 1986. Cody later joined the [Bonneville Power Administration](#) (BPA) as a freelance writer. It was during an assignment for BPA that he was inspired to canoe the length of the [Columbia River](#) from its source to its mouth. The 82-day trip gave birth to his book, [Voyage of a Summer Sun](#), which won the [Oregon Book Award](#) in 1995.

[Ricochet River](#), Cody's second book, was first published in 1992. It deals with the lives of three [high school](#) students in the fictional small town of Calamus, Oregon in the 1960s. [Ricochet River](#) was one of one hundred works chosen by the [Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission](#) "as exemplifying Oregon's rich literary heritage from the years 1800 to 2000." The book was made into a 1998 film starring [Kate Hudson](#).

Cody now conducts seminars and workshops in the Portland area, mostly about [nature-writing](#). He will be speaking about his works, particularly [Ricochet River](#), followed by a "question and answer" period and book signing. This free program is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.