



**Minutes of Meeting For  
Friends of North Plains Public Library  
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR  
March 14, 2016**

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

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

**Others Present:** Carol Aldrich, Debbie Olson

**Friends Meeting called to order by Margaret Reh at 7:04 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Norma Tucker made a motion; Debbie Olson seconded the motion to approve the February 2016 minutes. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.*

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Carol Aldrich**

Carol shared the statistics along with the report that the Lego Paloza and super Saturday event were well attended. Some of the things coming up include the Artist Trading Card Swap. One of the concerns is library size inhibiting the attendance of the events. Carol reported that during the colored pencil workshop, seating was limited but with arrangement of 2 6 ft. tables, everyone was able to enjoy the event showing how popular our events are becoming. Debbie wants to find a way to continue to expand the events without losing the connection between the event and the library hosting that event. Carol also highlighted the annual spaghetti event to honor all citywide volunteers. There will be an Artist reception in April for John Driscoll's where he will present "*Traveling the Inside Passage*" and possibly one for Laura Templin's daughter Alisha in May.

To see the full report, select the blue link to view the [Library Director's Report](#)

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Mark Susbauer**

Mark reported that the Library board met on February 17, and reviewed the Library survey results. 1260 Library surveys were sent out, and approximately 79 were returned. The most popular activities that patrons would like to see presented are a master garden presentation, guitar music concert, history lectures, drawing and painting classes, and a photography workshop. Several of these activities are planned which include "Traveling the Inside Passage" presented by photographer and naturalist John Driscoll on April 22. Another

program scheduled for May 12 will be “Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest” by a Master Gardner Bob Falconer. Debbie has also scheduled a program for June 9, with a Holocaust survivor Alter Weiner, which will be held at Jessie Mays Community Hall. The Strategic Plan presentation was presented on March 7 to the City Council members. Board member Stephanie Farris and library consultant and facilitator Linda Lybecker along with Debbie Brodie presented a power point presentation to the City Council, which was well received. The board also began budget preparations for the year 2016/2017. A board position will be open at the end of June, Laura Templin’s term will expire and she cannot renew because she has served 2 terms. The board member to replace her would need to live within the North Plains City limits to serve. Margaret suggested placing an ad in the City newsletter that goes out with the water bill. The next board meeting will be held on March 16.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
**Treasurer: Norma Tucker**

**FNPPL Balance Sheet**  
 As of February 29, 2016

**Assets:**

Checking	\$4089.01
Money Market	<u>\$20,430.39</u>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b><u>\$24,519.40</u></b>

**February Income:**

Online Sales	\$246.45
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$141.79
Used Books	\$77.00
Amazon Smile	\$34.74
Library Materials	\$25.00

**February Expenses:**

Yellow House (FOBS)	\$808.51
Volunteer Rewards	\$31.98
Movie Night	\$26.58

**Movie Night – Marrina**

The movie night has been going very well. The movie night is well attended with 20-35 attendees depending on what is showing. There are some core families that come every month, but most families are new, which from time to time include adults that come with no children. Since we had a Cub Scout group help occasionally, it has set the standard for others to pitch in during both set up and cleanup, which has streamlined the process. Often, older kids will offer to help, which make it easier for Sam and Marrina to take care of the movie and preparing the popcorn.

### **Book Cart – Mark**

Mark took over the job of rotating out the books; he recently changed out the selection and reported the total amount the book cart has generated in sales since July 1 is \$395 so it is worth continuing.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

#### **FOBS House Update – Debbie O. & Lynda**

Things are going well and the painting should be done soon. Debbie reported that Mark, Margaret, and Chris along with Debbie moved all the tables and chairs from Jessie Mays to the Yellow house. In addition, the boxes of books not yet processed for online sales were also moved. Debbie has shut down the online selling and will resume once the books are moved to the Yellow house. Lynda has been working away on the yard both front and back. The front yard is nearly done and she has now turned her focus to the back yard. Debbie Brodie, her husband and brother in law came and cleaned out a massive growth of ivy. There are also blackberries bushes that have been removed from the side of the house and there are still more to be removed in the backyard, which Lynda will continue to work with. Debbie laid out the things to come which include a meeting on Friday with an electrician to make sure that the wiring can manage the sensitive electronic equipment that is in use. Debbie would like to schedule a moving day for Saturday and requested volunteers to help with this process, several people volunteered from the meeting, Debbie also passed out a projected floor plan with the location of the tables and bookshelves that will be moved over to the yellow house. Once the books are packed and moved to the existing shelves, the following week, the rest of the wooden shelves will be moved allowing for all the books to be moved and put back on the shelves. The donated shelves that are in storage have been placed on pallets and Debbie is hoping to find a forklift that can help move them to the Yellow House, which would make them easier to move. Discussion continued with the floor plan details and the outdoor landscaping. Debbie reported that the old computers are ready to be surplus, and Debbie Brodie will follow up with that. The work parties will continue throughout the coming weeks.

#### **Planning for 10 year Anniversary Celebration – April 29, 2016**

This discussion is continued from last month. Carol discussed having a gala event that would allow people to come and go. Snacks and beverages can be provided along with a slide show showing the library over the years and a small presentation. More discussion about what to provide ranging from the different food items to serve, and what to have for entertainment. Norma offered to provide balloons, Margaret and Marrina volunteered to start preparations. Marrina will collect pictures and prepare a slide presentation that could be played from a flash drive with music, she will also look for a cake for the event. Much discussion about what everyone would like to see at the event, Several ideas were discussed to keep it simple for the planning process and allow everyone to see how far the Library has come.

## **NEW Business and Announcements**

### **OBOC 2017 – “Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher” by Edward Curtis**

Lake Oswego library used this book for their OBOC presentation, and wants to know if the North Plains library would like to use this book for OBOC. We opted out last year because of the author series presentations and after much discussion, it was decided not to participate with OBOC, which is a very focused one month event and very time consuming. One suggestion was to contact Lake Oswego to see if maybe we could use the books for our monthly book group for February. This would be not only read by the book group, but also offered to the patrons to read and even participate with the book group discussion. This would get the book out here into our community and be a simpler process and not as involved as the OBOC program.

### **Travel Lecture – presented by John Driscoll**

This will be a presentation by John; refreshments will be light and can be decided upon at next monthly meeting.

### **Other Business –**

#### **Tables and chairs that fold up for ease of storage –**

There are some chairs that Debbie Brodie got from Hillsboro Library that can fold up and can be folded up to be stored, there are also tables that can fold up as well, making it easier to use and store for programs, these items have wheels on them which make them very portable. Debbie thought that a small shed built to store these tables and chairs attached to the backside of the library would be useful to store these tables and chairs. Carol presented this request from Debbie as a future possibility; while they are costly Debbie is hoping to utilize this idea in finding other deals that would be similar to these items that can be used to replace the chairs and table we currently have in the program room.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: the next meeting will be Monday, 4/11/2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library**

## Director's Report for Friends' Meeting – March 14, 2016

### Statistics for the month of February, 2016:

The library checked out **5,019** physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media. Of the first-time checkouts, **33%** were checked out from the SelfCheck machine. (It was not working for 17 days.) A total of **211** e-books were checked out by North Plains card holders.

There were **3,017** people who came into the library during open hours.

The library's public computers were used for **319** hours. An additional **179** hours were logged on the library's wifi system.

There were exactly **34** children and adults who attended storytimes, and **26** who attended the movie *The Good Dinosaur*.

Hours spent in donated time to the library by Friends, Volunteers, and Library Board members totaled **464**.

Facebook followers now total **273**. There were **1,476** total Website visits.

Full statistics may be viewed at [www.nplibrary.org](http://www.nplibrary.org) under Library Board/Library Statistics.

### Upcoming Library Activities from March 14 through April 11, 2016:

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

- **March 16** Special Guest Storytime: Baby Goats and Stories, courtesy of the Spitz family
- **March 23** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Ocean
- **March 30** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Crocodiles
- **April 6** Storytime with Miss Marion: Tricksters

**Library Board.** There will be a general meeting of the Library Board on **Wednesday, March 16** at the library beginning at 7 p.m.

**Artist Trading Card Swap.** Hillsboro craft artist Marie Buckley will host a get-together at the North Plains Public Library to share and swap Artist Trading Cards. These miniature works of art, about the size of a baseball card, offer a fun way to connect and share art and techniques with other artists. This free meeting is open to the public and will take place on **Thursday, March 17** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the library.

**Lego Palooza.** Drop in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on **Friday, March 25** and again on **Friday, April 8** for Lego Palooza at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Hang out and build with Legos or Duplos that we provide. (Please leave yours at home and ours there.) Kids, teens, and adults are welcome to participate in this free event.

**Library Book Club.** On **Wednesday, March 30** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library, the book *Mary Colin* by Marisa Silver will be discussed. From the publisher: “In her first novel since *The God of War*, the critically acclaimed author Marisa Silver takes Dorothea Lange’s ‘Migrant Mother’ photograph as inspiration for a breathtaking reinvention — a story of two women, one famous and one forgotten, and of the remarkable legacy of their chance encounter. Three vibrant characters anchor the narrative of *Mary Coin*. Mary, the migrant mother herself, who emerges as a woman with deep reserves of courage and nerve, with private passions and carefully-guarded secrets. Vera Dare, the photographer wrestling with creative ambition who makes the choice to leave her children in order to pursue her work. And Walker Dodge, a present-day professor of cultural history, who discovers a family mystery embedded in the picture. In luminous, exquisitely rendered prose, Silver creates an extraordinary tale from a brief moment in history, and reminds us that although a great photograph can capture the essence of a moment, it only scratches the surface of a life.” New members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**Introduction to Beekeeping.** Join us at the Library on **Thursday, March 31** from 6-7 p.m. to learn about the benefits of keeping honeybees. Jeff Clark and his family keep bees in rural northern Washington County. He is the President of the Tualatin Valley beekeepers and a journeyman in the Oregon Master Beekeeper Program. This free presentation will cover:

- Hives and equipment
- Cost of getting started
- Local rules and regulations
- Resources for more information (local bee groups, and bee schools)

Come listen and ask questions to find out if beekeeping is for you!

**Quilt Display.** The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **March** was created by Barbara Summey, the library’s Teacher Barbara who conducts Storytimes on the second Wednesday of each month. In this quilt, Barbara honors children’s author Theodore Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss. Annually, on March 2 — Dr. Seuss’s birthday, there is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books.

The quilt to be displayed in **April** will be that which was donated to the library by the Westside Quilters Guild to raffle as a fundraiser. This beautiful and colorful quilt was created by Marcia Elliott and is titled *Japanese Lanterns*. Tickets are now on sale, and the winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Elephant Garlic Festival in August 2016. Each ticket is \$1, or 6 tickets will be issued for \$5.

**Art Exhibit.** John Driscoll, North Plains resident, photographer and naturalist, is exhibiting some of his favorite photos at the Library, and they will be on display through **April**. His works feature local images as well as those captured while traveling to western British Columbia and Alaska. He has been photographing for several years, especially focusing on nature. John is also a volunteer naturalist for Metro and Tualatin

Riverkeepers, leading field trips for school-aged children. Join us on **Friday, April 22**, at 6:30 p.m. for a free travel lecture by John entitled *Traveling the Inside Passage for 1,400 Years*.

**First Friday Flick.** Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, April 1** at 6 p.m. for a free showing of the animated family comedy *Hotel Transylvania 2*. In this PG-rated film, Hotel Transylvania's doors have been opened to humans, and Dracula's half-human/half-vampire grandson is put through "monster-in-training" boot camp. Popcorn will be served.

**NEW! Book Babies Storytimes.** Beginning **April 6**, babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the children's section of the library.

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, April 7** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the library. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

**Art of the Story.** The North Plains Public Library will host national storyteller Kevin Kling (<http://www.kevinkling.com/>) on **Friday, April 8** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club. Kevin's autobiographical tales are as enchanting as they are true to life – from hopping freight trains to getting hit by lightning. His stage shows, like *Tales from the Charred Underbelly of the Yule Log*, deliver hilarious, often tender stories. He is best known for his popular commentaries on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. Kling's artistry has been recognized with the awarding of numerous grants and fellowships from entities such as The National Endowment for the Arts. For the past several years, he has performed at the acclaimed National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN. He was also named "Minneapolis Story Laureate" in 2014. This event is part of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services' (WCCLS) **12th Annual Storytelling Festival. Between April 2 and April 9**, twelve unique storytelling performances will be featured throughout Washington County. Admission is always free and all festival performances are designed for the enjoyment of adults.

**Super Saturday – Red Yarn.** Join us on **Saturday, April 9** at 1 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Red Yarn is a dynamic family performer who weaves folksongs and puppetry into engaging shows for all ages. With his energetic performances and folk-rock recordings, this red-bearded bard shares positive values while reinvigorating American folklore for younger generations. In this show, Red Yarn leads the audience into the Deep Woods, a magical forest where animal characters play an important role in the folksongs and folktales of the U.S.A. Mixing live musical performance with puppetry and interactive storytelling, this program engages everyone with the songs and stories of our national heritage. All ages are welcome to attend this free event.

**National Volunteer Week - Just Desserts.** North Plains Public Library staff will host a celebration to honor and recognize our library volunteers on **Monday, April 11**, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the library (followed by the Friends of the Library meeting). Join library and other city staff on **Thursday, April 14** at the Jessie Mays Community Hall to honor all

city-wide volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Spaghetti Feed from 6 to 8 p.m. These free events are open to the public.

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, April 11** at the library beginning at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

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**Friday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.** at the library *Traveling the Inside Passage for 1,400 Years* presented by photographer and naturalist John Driscoll.

**Friday, April 29. Ten-Year Library Anniversary Gala** at the library.

**Thursday, May 12, 6:30-8 p.m. Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest** presented by Master Gardener Bob Falconer at the library.

**Thursday, June 9, 6:30 p.m. Author and Holocaust Survivor Alter Weiner** at Jessie Mays Community Hall.