



**Minutes of Meeting For
Friends of North Plains Public Library
North Plains Library North Plains, OR
September 12, 2016**

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

Members at Large Present: Mark Susbauer, Sheila Nelson, Chris Lantz, Marianne Vandervelden

Others Present: Debbie Olson, Rikki Manrique

Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sheila Nelson made a motion; Marianne Vandervelden seconded the motion to approve the July/August minutes. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Sheila Nelson (for Will Worthey)

Stats were shared for the month of August. WCCLS is celebrating its 40th year and a passport book is available designed to be able to get a stamp from each library that is visited in the Washington County Library system. There is also a new library card design; our local library was featured in that new design. This card is for new members but is available to current patrons from our library by request. The transition has been moving forward for our new library director. The new director will be full time and maintain an office in City Hall, but will continue will have a presence in the Library.

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

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Mark Susbauer

Board meeting was held August 17th. This was the first meeting for the new board member Carol Lofgren, who replaced Laura Templin whose term ended this year. The board went through various reports on statistics; book check out was up for the fiscal year by approximately 3%. Movie and DVD checkout was down 9%. Door count was up 4%. Mark reported that the Friends had a significant impact in the adult program attendance this past year, which was up 210%. This was mainly due to having the evening with author series and the Alter Weiner lecture which drew in 160 people. Officers were elected for the board; Stephanie Farris was elected to chair the board for the next fiscal year. The board also discussed the hiring process of the new library director Will Worthey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Treasurer: Norma Tucker

FNPPL Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2016

Assets:

Checking	\$5,710.75
Money Market	<u>\$15,432.49</u>
Total Assets:	<u>\$21,143.24</u>

Income:

Membership	\$1,215.50
EGF Book Sale	\$1215.00
Library Materials	\$500.00
Online Sales	\$392.86
Amazon Smile	\$31.38
Used Books	\$27.16

Expenses:

EGF Expense	\$34.84
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Book Cart – Mark

Refreshing the cart was held off for 3 weeks instead of every 2 weeks. Sales were down maybe due to the recent garlic festival where the annual book sale was held. Mark will continue to refresh the cart every 2-3 weeks.

Membership – Carolyn

Count as of this meeting is currently 70 members for the FNPPL that have renewed or signed up as new members. Carolyn also reported that the membership count from last year was approximately 50, which is an increase of 20 people.

OLD BUSINESS and Reports:

Online Book Sales Update – Chris & Debbie

Book sale continues to move forward with a steady sale of books. Starting to average 35 - 40 sales per month, some months have been as high as 73. Still with the sales fluctuating, the book sale group is not ready to move to the next level. Debbie Olson generated a chart sharing statics from the past months. There are several who post and some who just ship books. Debbie also mentioned that we do have a storefront on Amazon that is visible for those who want to see what is in our list of books available to sell. Debbie mentioned that listing books needs to meet a minimum price to generate a profit, all books not able to meet a minimum of \$5.99 will be saved and sold in the

annual book sale at the garlic festival. Carolyn contacted Hoss Paving to determine if they are able to volunteer some materials and time to redo the driveway.

Garlic Festival Book Sale and Parade Report – Carolyn & Norma

Our float won a trophy! Several helped including Rod and Sandy Trehan long time members visiting and assisted in the decorating process. The book sale also went well and the sales were reflected in the treasurer report.

Reception for Will Worthey – Sept 16th 5–7pm

Discussion for the reception for a welcome to North Plains for Will Worthey our new Library Director. Food and drink items were discussed and decided upon. This event will start at 5pm on Friday, Sept 16.

Lake Oswego Books – “*Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher*”

30 copies of this book have been picked up and delivered to our library by Debbie Brodie. Our new director, Will Worthey would like to present the OBOC program with this book. Will has offered to be the chairperson for this event; the featured book is called “*Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher*.”

NEW Business and Announcements:

Request for Library Magnets –

Chris has made a new design for new magnets, and this was presented to the Friends group. Carolyn wants to get approval from the new library director to make sure he plans to continue with the same hours.

Contingent upon Will’s approval of the library hours, Carolyn made a motion to order 500 magnets; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Farewell Reception for Debbie – Sept 30th 5-7pm

Food and drink were discussed and staff has recommended that a basket be available for small non-monetary gifts of cards, letters and other items showing our appreciation, in lieu of a large gift.

Outdoor yard cleanup at FOBS house –

Carolyn asked volunteers to help as available to clean the yard and front flowerbed at the yellow house. There is not a scheduled event. Anyone who wants to help with some gardening chores would be appreciated. There is a landscape bin and all yard debris can be put into the bin and set out front to be taken by the disposal service on Monday morning.

CCWC grant cycle open (Sept 30, 5–7pm)

The grant cycle has started and goes on through October 10. Carolyn asked about submitting a grant for the author program or an OBOC program that will have to be completed before the deadline. Sheila will talk with Will to see if he wants to obtain a grant for the OBOC program. Carolyn will share the information from past grants. There are also other grants available for programs; currently the Friends Group is not proposing any grants for upcoming programs.

WCCLS Friends Connection Meeting – Oct 13th, 2pm

Carolyn opened this up to the group for those who want to go. All who want to attend can carpool if desired, meeting at the North Plains Library. There is no limit on the number of people that can attend; this will be discussed at the next meeting. The topic will be vintage books.

Other Business –**New Library Mascot –**

A Bee was selected to be the official mascot for the North Plains Public Library, emails were sent out to patrons asking for ideas for names for the new mascot. The names submitted will be voted upon and a winner will be selected. Sheila read off the different names that were submitted and asked for more names. Some new ones were submitted from the Friends group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting: Monday 10/10/2016, 7pm at the North Plains Public Library

Director's Report for Friends' Meeting, September 2016

Statistics for the month of August 2016:

The library checked out 5606 physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media. A total of 313 e-books were checked out by North Plains card holders.

There were 3365 people who came into the library during open hours.

The library's public computers were used for 510 hours. An additional 480 hours were logged on the library's wifi system.

There were 29 children and adults who attended Book Babies Storytimes, 115 children and adults who attended Storytimes for preschoolers, and 22 who attended the movie Angry Birds.

There were 8 people in attendance to discuss *A man called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Hours spent in donated time to the library by Friends, Volunteers, and Library Board members totaled 582.

Facebook followers now total 362. There were 1852 total Website visits.

Book Babies Storytimes. Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist Lauren every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the children's section of the library.

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

- **September 14** Storytime with Miss Barbara: Dinosaurs.
- **September 21** Special Guest Storytime: Razor, the Pot-Bellied Pig!
- **September 28** Bugs & Insects themed storytime with Jackie.
- **October 5** With Miss Marion, The Color Orange is Everywhere.
- **October 12** With Miss Carol, "Mooo" a Cow themed Storytime.
- **October 19** Special guest storytime with Meredith, Spinning yarns.
- **October 26** Barbara will host Storytime with the theme, Harvest & Halloween.

First Friday Flick. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Friday, October 7 at 6 p.m. for a free showing of the live action version of Jungle book, a PG-rated, movie. Director Jon Favreau uses visually stunning CGI to create the community of animals surrounding Mowgli. The appearance of a villainous tiger named Shere Khan forces Mowgli's guardian, the panther Bagheera, to shepherd the child to safety in the "man village." Along the way, the boy meets an affable, lazy bear named Baloo, as well as a snake with hypnotic powers and an orangutan who wants to harness the power of fire!

Craft Guild Meeting. Join our informal group of knitters, crocheters, and quilters on the first Tuesday evening of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 4 at the library. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie as you work on your individual projects is welcome to do so at the library. Bring your yarn or cloth and needles (or other craft projects) and expect to make new friends and share ideas. (Note: this is intended to be an informal get-together of crafters; individual or class instruction will not be available.)

Library Board. The Library Board will meet on September 21 and October 28 at the library beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Artist Trading Cards. Connect and swap art with others on **Thursday, September 15** from 6 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. at the library. The theme of the month is Strong Women. Craft artists meet once a month to trade these miniature works of art – about the size of a baseball card – with each other. This is a fun way to meet other artists and exchange creations. The get-together is free and open to the public.

Library Book Club. The book club will meet on October 26 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library. The book under discussion will be the Nazi Officers Wife by Edith Hahn-Beer. This compelling book begins before World War II, with a childhood in Vienna in a large extended family. By 1938, the Nazi influence had taken its toll on the Jewish community in Vienna. After the Aunschluss, restrictions on Jews came in waves, and to Edith and her family, the world had gone mad. On June 21, 1942, she returned to Vienna and found herself without family and with few friends who would even acknowledge her. Nonetheless, with the help of an officer in the Office of Racial Affairs, she was able to assume the identity of Christina Margarethe Denner, an Aryan Christian friend. She moved to Munich to work for the Red Cross, and met Werner Vetter, a Nazi Party member. Despite confessing that she was a Jew in hiding, they married and she lived the life of an ordinary Hausfrau. Edith became Grete by subjugating everything about her past and forgetting everything that she had once held dear, including her family. New members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Math and Science Help Available (during the school year). North Plains Public Library has a math and science tutor to assist students. Volunteer Aaron or Stacie will be available for half-hour segments each Saturday morning, from 10 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and for half-hour segments each Tuesday evening, from 6 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. till 7 p.m. She will provide help with math from an elementary school level through calculus and in the sciences from an elementary school level through the college level. Call the library at 503-647-5051 to sign up for a free tutoring session.

Explore the Creative Art of Digital Photography. Thursday, October 27 from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Photographer Iris Iris Taboh has followed her passion for creating and teaching photography for over twenty years. Born in Brooklyn, she moved to San Francisco to live and study after high school. After attending San Francisco Art Institute and Waseda University in Tokyo, she worked as a graphic designer and freelance photographer. For more than ten years Seattle was her home where she has taught and led workshops in digital photography and Photoshop for students of all ages and backgrounds.

Quilt Display. The quilt to be exhibited in October is owned by Renee Wallace. It is entitled Crossroads to Jerico. Crossroads to Jericho was designed by Jeri Lindstrom for The Shibori Dragon, a batik fabric store in Seattle. Renee started this quilt in 2006 and added additional blocks over the years as she found fabrics to match. The border and backing are made of colored batik, and the work is machine quilted with leaves, vines, and flowers. This gorgeous quilt was just recently completed with the addition of binding.

Art Exhibit. The art exhibit to be displayed in September and October will be the work of talented Glencoe High School student and teen library volunteer Cassidy Fink. Her work focuses on capturing the range of human emotion.