



**Minutes of Meeting For
Friends of North Plains Public Library
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR
February 9, 2015**

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 Brodie

Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Margaret Reh made a motion; Lynda Jones seconded the motion to approve the December 2014 minutes. The minutes of the meeting, were unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Debbie Brodie

Debbie reported that the art reception would be Friday March 13. Larrisa will be bringing in a band for the Art Walk; Abbey Creek will have some art displays as well. The board is ready to launch its second annual patron survey that will come out by email. In regards to the electronic display board, there was more discussion in the staff meeting and a library staff member Sam has found some photo frames that displays jpg photos and could display activities and announcements for upcoming events. Debbie stated that if there were two of these, there could be one that highlights the children's activities as well as one for the adult activities; these frames are 8 1/2 X 11 in size. Debbie next reported on the oral history project that there is still a need to find a lead person who would be able to coordinate the taking of oral histories from some of the older community members. Some have already been recorded, the county museum has an inventory and some smaller historical societies have other various information that could be used. The next step in this endeavor is for the Washington County museum along with Pacific University to apply for a grant that puts these recordings into print or digitizes them. Our group is still focused on getting them recorded at this point. Debbie and Carol along with three other volunteers will attend the next meeting and continue looking into different ideas from other libraries. Many different projects ideas are being featured, and will be some that we will find useful to incorporate in our Oral history project. Debbie spoke of the Levy that is coming up soon and gave the history of what we need

and how a successful passing of this levy will continue to fund our library as well as the new Aloha library which will be added to the WCCLS. The group is hoping to raise the rate now that our economy has improved, this was determined by a survey that was conducted and a high percentage was in favor of increasing the rate. North Plains Public library was chosen as the baseline for the costs of staff and library hours and this would be a better reflection of needed funds that each library would receive. Debbie went on to explain the different pool funds and in detail gave the breakdown of what each pool would be funding. Debbie and Sheila attended the last PAC meeting and shared some of the highlights that were discussed. \$200 was given by our library toward the PAC group. To see the full report, select the blue link to view the [Library Director's Report](#)

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Mark Susbauer

Mark shared that Sandi King one of the new city council members came to the board meeting. The board went over all the reports. Under the statistics report, Debbie had reported that circulation was up slightly and building use and door count was higher which shows that our library is getting busier. In the meeting, Debbie talked about the patron survey that was developed by staff and approved by the board. The board continued to work on the policies, going through public relations and patron suggestions and some of the other policies that are still being revised. Next meeting will be February 18.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Norma Tucker

FNPPL Balance Sheet

As of February 9, 2015

Assets:

Checking	\$3,480.04
Money Market	<u>\$22,426.42</u>

Total Assets: \$25,906.46

Income:

Used Book Sale	\$61.50
Online Sales	\$309.34
Donations	\$92.00
Fred Meyer	\$208.23
Raffle	\$85.00

Expenses:

Author Series	\$415.11
(some expense is for the whole year)	
Online Book Sales	\$61.50
Office Supplies	\$31.60
Artist Reception	\$6.99

Online Book Sales:

Chris reported some difficulties with the printer and needed to order cartridges online because they are not available in our local stores. The storage unit is completely full and a decision needs to be made regarding the annual book sale. Sales continue to remain steady as well as the donations that are coming in. Some of the boxes of books need to be reviewed as we have received so many boxes of books that larger donations were taken straight to storage and have not been gone through to determine if they would be suitable for online sales.

OLD BUSINESS

Engraving Tiles

Nothing to report at this time, waiting on weather

Report on “Evening with an Author” event

There were 40 people in attendance, and the goal was 40-50 so we are right on target for our first “Evening with the Author” event. Carolyn felt that it was a great success. A survey went out and Jennifer Knowles compiled the data and gave a report. Carolyn reviewed the survey and shared the results with the group, the response was very favorable. The expenses are on track and Carolyn reported that the raffle also went well raising \$85. The next author event is scheduled for April 25 with Lisa McMinn. More posters will be generated with updated information regarding a last name correction to our next author’s name.

NEW Business

People for Libraries (PAC) report - Sheila

Debbie covered most of the information in her report; Sheila added that the next meeting will be either the end of February or early March and they will be gearing up and the focus will be narrowed to determine what needs to be done and the next step in the progress. Sheila shared that the PAC group is very interested in finding corporate or business sponsors to let Sheila know and she will share that at the next meeting Eventually they will start looking for people who wants to display the yard signs.

Discussion of Garlic Festival Book Sales

Carolyn sent out the survey and received a very favorable response from many who were interested in doing a Garlic Festival Book Sales. The dates will include the entire 2nd weekend in August. Some have offered to help beforehand but not available during the actual sale. Others were interested in organizing and helping with the sale. Carolyn has the notes from Barbara on how to run a successful book sale, which will increase sales. Carolyn contacted Patti and let her know that we were interested in having a book sale during the garlic festival. There was a suggestion

made to have a presale the day before to avoid the crowds from the Garlic festival, and all agreed to that idea and even maybe have a markup price for the

presale for those who would like to shop before the Garlic Festival actually beings. The consensus of the group was to have our annual book sale during the garlic festival in August.

Request to Support Iraq Soldiers

An email came to Carolyn from a patron requesting supporting soldiers that are part of a helicopter rescue team and supply squadron in Iraq. They are in need for donations of such items as Emergen C vitamin drink mix, fruit and vegetable pouches, Keurig coffee K-cups and money for postage would be much appreciated. There are donation boxes currently located at the senior center as well as City Hall and the North Plains Christian Church. Since our mission for the friends is to the Library, Carolyn suggested that we encourage our members to individually donate rather than make a group donation from the friends. Sites with addresses are located in the city newsletter. After much discussion, the Friends would not be putting anything on the web page but would be happy to the spread the information by word of mouth. With the information listed here in the minutes as well as the city newsletter, there would be enough information for those who wish to donate items or money to be able to do so individually. This was discussed at length and it was decided that because of our focus and what the Friends support through the library, a recommendation was made to include it in a more broad spectrum to provide information for the places that are set up to be a collection site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, 3/9/2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library

Director's Report for Friends' Meeting – February 9, 2015

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

- **February 11** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Transportation
- **February 18** Special Guest Storytime: Fire Fighters from Washington
County Fire District 2
- **February 25** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Cows
- **March 4** Storytime with Miss Marion: Watch It Blow!

Super Saturday - *TrashMan and the Noise Band*. Come see this Portland-based puppet rock band perform on **Saturday, February 14** beginning at 1 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. This band is comprised of trash puppets (puppets literally made of trash) and TrashMan, who plays hand-made instruments made of re-used items. Audience members are encouraged to join in and rock out! KC (Kelly Campbell) of KCPuppetree is a trained and experienced teacher, performer, puppeteer, and artist. For more information, visit <http://www.kcpuppetree.com/>.

Holiday Closure. The Library will be closed all day on **Monday, February 16** for Presidents' Day.

Lego Palooza! Come to Jessie Mays Community Hall on the holiday, **Monday, February 16**, and use your imagination to make fantastic LEGO creations. Drop in between **11 a.m. and 3 p.m.** Kids, teens, and adults are welcome. We will provide the LEGOs (for ages 6 and up) and DUPLOs (for ages 3 and up), so please leave yours at home and ours at Jessie Mays!

Library Book Club. The Book Club will meet at the Library on **Wednesday, February 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson.** This epic novel follows a young man as he navigates through life in North Korea. Part thriller, part story of innocence lost, part romance, this book provides a riveting portrait of a world heretofore hidden from view. Refreshments will be served.

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, March 5** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

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, March 6**, come see *Big Hero 6*, the PG-rated, comedy-action adventure from Walt Disney Animation Studios. Hiro Hamada, his friends, and his brother Tadashi's plus-sized, inflatable robot, Baymax, set off to save the city of San Fransokyo from a notorious villain. Refreshments will be served.

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

Art Exhibits. The art exhibit in **February** features paintings by Hillsboro artist Jeff Jurrens. 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.

The art exhibit in **March and April** will feature works by Anne Marie Grgich, a Portland-based collage artist with national and international acclaim. A reception with live music will be held in her honor on **Friday, March 13** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Library. The evening will also feature art viewing and wine tasting at Abbey Creek Vineyards from 6 to 9 p.m. followed by music at The Rogue Brew Pub and Eatery by the same band earlier previewed at the Library. Join your friends and spend the evening enjoying this fabulous Art Walk event.

Quilt Display. The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **February** is titled *Little Pretties*. It features multi-colored small-print squares on a white background. This creation was hand-quilted by Jo Ann Tannock of North Plains.

The quilt to be displayed in **March** is titled *Swoon*. It was created by Anne Marie Cowley, a member of the Westside Quilters Guild. The pattern for this 80" square quilt is by Thimble Blossoms, and the piece was quilted with straight lines.

Save the Date – Friday, April 17 – 11th Annual Art of the Story Festival. National storyteller Sam Payne of Utah will perform at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club beginning at 7 p.m. His storytelling skills, jazz-inflected folk music, and soaring tenor voice have established him as an engaging performer. This free program, sponsored by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services, is designed for an adult audience but is suitable in content for ages 6 and up.