

**Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2009
Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska, OK**

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by President Gerry Hendon.

Board members present at the meeting were: Clare Delaney, Bev Dieterlen, Jon Douthitt, Sharon Douthitt, Eugene Earsom, Cindy Mitas Friedman, Tom Haines, Gerry Hendon, Erwin Mason, Carol McReynolds, Joe McReynolds, Judy Neale, Karen Neurohr, Julia Ratliff, Lynda Reynolds, Jeannine Spencer, Laurie Sundborg, Irene Wickham, and Harlene Wills.

Advisory Board members present were: Kay Boies, Glenda Carlile, Oliver Delaney, Lynn McIntosh, Susan McVey, Michael Wallis, and Pat Weaver-Meyers.

Guests for the board meeting and/or the luncheon included Connie Armstrong (Exec. Director of Oklahoma Center for the Book, Robert Baldwin. Helen Cline (former FOLIO board member, Carol Conner, Joe Conner, Danette Daniels, Ginger Edwards, Donna Jones Flood, Carol Haines, Joe Haines, Marsha Hayes, Gerry Kincaid, Lu King (Library Director, Pawhuska Public Library), Sharon Lee, Roger Lloyd, Judy Long, Larry Mashburn, Carolyn Mathews, Virginia Mathews (daughter of John Joseph Mathews), Beitel Michaels (OETA), George Neurohr, R. J. Osborn, Shirley Pettingail, Kathryn RedCorn (Director of Osage Tribal Museum), Dr. Carter Revard (Literary Landmark keynote speaker), Dr. Lorine Roy, Teresa Runnels (American Indian Collection Coordinator, Tulsa City-County Library), Merrill Schnitzer, Lindsay Smith (professor, OSU), Randy Smith, Dr. Rennard Strickland, Alice Stanton (OU Press), Latasha Wilson, Suzanne Wallis, Gary Wickham, and Bill Young (ODL).

The minutes of the July 10, 2009 Board meeting were approved.

Carol McReynolds gave the treasurer's report noting that the total balance of both restricted and unrestricted funds was \$24,537.71 Clare Delaney moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

President Gerry Hendon gave the President's report. (See attachment) She thanked Mr. Bighorse for arranging to have our meeting at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural center. She spoke about the establishment of the FOLIO Endowment Fund and the first distribution check of \$375 from the Oklahoma City Foundation. She distributed the new brochure which uses our new logo.

Committee reports followed.

Archives: The archives are up to date as of November 11, 2009.

ALTAFF: Clare Delaney gave the ALTAFF Report. (See attachment)

Grants: Carolyn Klepper is working on grants for speakers at the retreat.

Hall of Fame: Bev Dieterlen asked for names of people to be considered.

Information table: People are needed to help on Tuesday and Wednesday for the OLA conference. Those willing to help should contact Denyvetta Davis, Chair.

Legislative: Lynda Reynolds and Susan McVey reported on legislative hearings; cuts may be 5 percent or more. When the legislature is not in session, the cuts go across the board.

Literary Landmark: Karen Neurohr reported that the Literary Landmark to be dedicated today will honor John Joseph Mathews, an Osage author, and the Osage Tribal Museum. Booklets have been printed to be distributed to area high schools. Volunteers will be needed to distribute some of these booklets. She also reported that the OSU web site was featuring Mr. Mathews. Tom Haines moved that Karen Neurohr be reimbursed for Literary Landmark expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.

Membership: There are 109 individual members, 60 Friends of the Library groups, 36 libraries and 3 corporate members for a total of 208 members.

Nominating: Clare Delaney offered the name of Merrill Schnitzer to be a member of the board. (See new business.)

Publicity: Irene Wickham has contacted newspapers across the state with articles about today's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Bev Dieterlen reported that the inscription for the commemorative brick placed in the Woody Guthrie park in Okemah has been submitted. The inscription will be "FOLIO honors Sharon and Dee Jones". The cost (\$150.00) for the brick was approved at the July 10 meeting in Okemah.

NEW BUSINESS

The budget for 2009-2010 was presented. Tom Haines moved that we approve the budget for 2009-2010. The motion was seconded and carried.

The goals for FOLIO 2009-2010 were presented. Jon Douthitt moved to approve the goals for 2009-2010. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Nominating committee presented Merrill Schnitzer from Bartlesville for election to the board. He was duly elected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board meeting will be on Friday January 29, 2010 at the Okmulgee Public Library. FOLIO Annual Meeting and Program, Wednesday April 21, 2010 at the Cox Convention Center, OKC.

The FOLIO Board retreat will be in Ardmore on June 3-4, 2010



There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a. m.

Jeannine Spencer
Secretary

President's Report – November 19, 2009

Thanks to Lu King for breakfast

Thanks to Vann BigHorse for use of Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center facilities

Thanks to Michael Wallis and Karen Neurohr, co-chairs for planning this Literary Landmarks event. AND to all the committee members who helped.

This is an exciting day – the day of FOLIO's 8th Literary Landmark dedication. Michael Wallis and Karen Neurohr, co-chairs of the event, and their committee have done a magnificent job is putting together what promises to be a wonderful program.

2009 has been a busy year. We re-dedicated the Woody Guthrie Literary Landmark in Okemah in July. We voted to buy a brick to honor Sharon and Dee Jones who helped to organize and get the Woodyfest event started.

And now we will celebrate again after all the planning and communicating that our committee has been involved in to make this Literary Landmark honoring John Joseph Mathews and the Osage Tribal Museum another spectacular celebration.

Karen Neurohr and Julia Ratliff wrote an article about our Literary Landmarks project for the Oklahoma Heritage Association magazine. It was published in the August 2009 issue. It is an outstanding review of the 8 Literary Landmarks, complete with color photos. Thanks to Karen and Julia!

FOLIO established an endowment fund with the Oklahoma City Community Fund in early 2009. We raised \$12,000 which was matched with \$8000 from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund. That means that we have over \$20,000 in the fund. Sharon Douthitt and I attended a luncheon in OKC on September 29 to receive our very first distribution on our investment. It was only \$375 this year – but that is because our money was not invested until February and there was only one quarter of the year used to compute our distribution. It will be more next year. Our purpose in establishing this endowment was to be able to boost the dollar amount of the scholarships that we award to support staff who are taking library science classes. We propose to use the \$375 to increase the amount of the 4 scholarships from \$250 to \$350 each.

Logo – We have a beautiful new logo – designed by Nealay Patel of OSU. We are using it in a number of ways today. You'll see it on stationery, posters, name tags, newsletters, etc. And we have a new brochure – created using the logo and with the purpose of telling more people about FOLIO and recruiting them as members of FOLIO.

Gerry Hendon, President, FOLIO

ALTAFF REPORT

Submitted by Clare Delaney
ALTAFF Board member
November 17, 2009

The annual meeting of ALTAFF was held July 10-12, 2009 in Chicago in conjunction with the annual ALA Conference. The 2009-2010 President is Rose Mosely, Trustee/Board President of Maywood (Ill) Public Library.

Efforts have been focused on a smooth transition for ALTA/FOLUSA to ALTAFF and it has gone very well. Additional goals for 2009 include marketing for membership growth with the aim being to increase citizen members to create a model of cooperation between Trustees and Friends; and communication and education through tool kits, programs and conferences and training via webinars and podcasts.

The mission of ALTAFF is to support citizens who govern, promote, advocate and fundraise for all types of libraries.

In Fiscal Year 2010 the efforts will be concentrated on

1. achieving objectives of strategic planning
2. publishing a trustee handbook (in process) – all proceeds to ALTAFF
3. development of remote digital training for trustees and friends
4. development of additional content for the members' only portion of the website

ALTAFF is sponsoring the ALA president's award for advocacy. The meetings and programs have been very productive and well attended.

Future dates of interest include:

Jan 15-19, 2010 Midwinter meeting, Boston
April 11-17, 2010 National Library Week
April 13, 2010 National Library Workers Day
June 24-29, 2010 ALA annual conference and ALTAFF annual meeting

I appreciate the support of FOLIO for my attendance at the annual meeting.

Clare Delaney
ALTAFF Board member

n-things.com by Tuesday, February 23.