



FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OKLAHOMA
ANNUAL MEETING
April 5, 2013
Ardmore Convention Center

Board Members Present: Jon Douthitt, Sharon Douthitt, Bob Greenstreet, Jennifer Greenstreet, Mona Hatfield, Gerry Hendon, Carolyn Klepper, Carol McReynolds, Joe McReynolds, Judy Neale, Laurie Sundborg, Harlene Wills

Advisory Board Members Present: Susan McVay, Vicki Mohr, Diane Sarantakas

Guests Present: Amie Choramoshed, Betty Dobs, Georgianna Eiland, Kristin Haddon, Janie Howard, Connie Jesina, Bob Leveridge, Vanessa McKinney, Jodie Roach, Sharon Saulmon

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Douthitt at 1:40 p.m.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting on March 30, 2012 were presented by *Secretary Carol McReynolds who made a motion that the minutes be accepted as amended, seconded by Jon Douthitt, passed.* The Secretary also presented the minutes of the previous meeting on January 11, 2013. *Judy Neale made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Jon Douthitt, passed.*

Treasurer Gerry Hendon presented the Treasurer's Report through March, 2013 with an Income of \$14,016.00, expenses of \$8,550.77, leaving a balance of \$22, 869.00. The Report was filed for audit.

President Sharon Douthitt presented the annual report. FOLIO is an all-volunteer board with no paid staff. The second newsletter of the fiscal year announced the First Regional Meeting to be held in Lawton. Several Executive Committee members attended the Get Smart Program which was held at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. The 2013 newsletter focused on the conference to be held in Ardmore. The booklet "The Numbers Game" has been reworked and premiered at the conference luncheon that was held along with OLA. The FOLIO information table has been visited by many Friends groups during this conference. There is information available there regarding the Outreach Ambassador program which provides assistance to Friends groups in all four quadrants of the state. Our next Literary Landmark will be held on April 28, 2013 in Stroud, OK honoring Wilma McDaniel who was known as the Okie poet. Sharon announced that Hannibal Johnson has agreed to serve on our Advisory Board. Happy 35th birthday, FOLIO!

Committee Reports as follows:

Archives: Jon Douthitt is preparing a letter to all Friends groups regarding contributions to our archives which are located at the OLA office. This will appear in the next newsletter.

Audit: Treasurer Gerry Hendon reported that RSVP did a financial report on our books

which were declared to be in order. A contribution was given to them for their work.

Best Friends Award: Joe McReynolds reported that the winners of this award were announced at the luncheon and were as follows: Friends of the Wister Library won the John Harkey Award for a town with population under 10,000 and Friends of the Duncan Library won the award for a town with over 10,000. The entries this year were outstanding, and it was a hard job to pick just one winner in each category.

Bylaws: Bob Greenstreet reported that the bylaws are up to speed, and any potential changes will be presented at the next meeting.

Corporate Outreach: Jon Douthitt stated that we must present some real reasons to be generous when we solicit memberships to corporations. It was suggested that we apply for grant money from the Cherokee and Chickasaw Nations.

Endowment: Treasurer Gerry Hendon announced that FOLIO has a matching grant for \$6,000 in process at this time, and urged members to send contributions to her.

Finance: FOLIO needs more members.

Grants: We have not received any grants this fiscal year.

Hall of Fame Award: Carol McReynolds announced that Carolyn Klepper was the inductee this year.

Information Table: Jon and Sharon Douthitt and Harlene Wills manned the information table this year. The focus was on the 35th anniversary this year and prizes were given out as well as all sorts of information regarding FOLIO.

Legislative: The speaker at lunch today was the OLA representative at the Capitol and She reported on many bills before the legislators. One bill that has a ripple effect on Public libraries regards charter and virtual schools. It is of value to have school libraries. There seems to be a movement to crush public schools and libraries and to regard libraries as ancillary to schools. Friends of Talequah announced that they have monthly legislator breakfasts.

Literary Landmark: On April 29, 2013 there will be a Literary Landmark in Stroud, OK to be held in the High School auditorium which is across the street from the library. The honoree will be Wilma McDaniel.

Membership: The membership currently stands at 143 individuals, 76 Friends groups, 56 libraries for a total of 276 members. Everyone present was encouraged to become a member.

Outreach/Ambassadors: Reports were given by the Ambassadors as follows: In the Northeast section, Jon Douthitt reported visiting Sapulpa and Pryor. He stated that is his intention to visit some of the tribal libraries. Jennifer Greenstreet had no report for the Southeast section. Judy Neale reported that she has visited Tonkawa two times. They have 112 members. Carol McReynolds reported that she has talked with the Hinton Library, and at this conference, with representatives of Rose State College Friends and Clinton Friends. She will contact these groups again to arrange a visit following the conference.

Media and Marketing: Scott Carter was not present to report.

Seed Grants: Judy Neale reported that we have a history of disbursing 56 grants, 4 of which were in the last year and 1 this year. She noted that start-up costs for new Friends groups are up to \$425 and suggested raising the amount of the seed grant.

Scholarships: Lori Sundborg suggested that we promote the scholarships through different venues. She will mail checks and certificates to those winners who were not present today. Winners this year were: M. Toni Friedman, Oklahoma City; Erin Hollingsworth, Norman; Laura Raphael, Jenks; and Amanda Ross, Tulsa.

Web Page: Sharon announced that we are working on updating the site.

Some local Friends groups reported on their libraries. Carolyn from Mustang announced that their library is adding 7,000 sq. ft. and the Friends are raising funds for this. Carol McReynolds from Oklahoma City reported on the recent Friends of the Library book sale for the benefit of the Metropolitan Library System. They have given more than 3 million dollars back to the library through this project.

Unfinished Business: The Board adopted the 2013 Strategic Plan which was discussed at the previous meeting. *A motion was made by Carol McReynolds to adopt the plan, seconded by Harlene Wills, passed.*

New Business: Carolyn Klepper announced those whose board terms had expired and who have agreed to serve another term. They are Sharon Douthitt, Jon Douthitt, Joe McReynolds, Jeannine Spencer and Desiree Webber. *A motion was made by Carolyn Klepper, seconded by Jennifer Greenstreet to elect these abovementioned, plus Sharon Saulmon to the Board of Directors for a 3 year term, passed.*

Establishment of an Endowment Committee was discussed, as well as plans to send a letter to the entire state regarding joint endowment contributions and planned giving. Those appointed were Carolyn Klepper, Judy Neale, Scott Carter, Gerry Hendon, and Jon Douthitt, with Sharon Douthitt as an ex officio member. *A motion was made by Bob Greenstreet, seconded by Jennifer Greenstreet to establish a standing committee named and charged, passed.* This will require a bylaws change and that will be proposed for adoption in June.

A letter of resignation from Mona Hatfield was read. *A motion was made by Jennifer Greenstreet, seconded by Bob Greenfield to accept the resignation with regrets and best wishes, passed.*

A motion was made by Judy Neale, seconded by Bob Greenstreet to increase the amount of the seed grant to \$425 and was referred to the Seed Grant Committee to set policies, passed.

Following announcements, *a motion was made by Bob Greenstreet, seconded by Jennifer Greenstreet to adjourn, passed. The meeting ended at 2:55 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted.

Carol A. McReynolds, Secretary