



FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OKLAHOMA
Board Meeting
January 11, 2013
Stillwater Public Library

Board Members in Attendance: Scott Carter, Jon Douthitt, Sharon Douthitt, Eugene Earsom, Bob Greenstreet, Jennifer Greenstreet, Gerry Hendon, Carol McReynolds, Joe McReynolds, Judy Neale, Karen Neurohr, Jeannine Spencer

Advisory Board Members Present: Susan McVey, Vickie Mohr

President Sharon Douthitt called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed our new board member Scott Carter.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Greenstreet presented the minutes of the previous meeting. *A motion was made by Bob Greenstreet and seconded by Jennifer Greenstreet to accept the minutes as presented, motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Hendon presented the Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2012. She stated that dues have come in well. We received \$1,632 from the Oklahoma City Foundation for our endowment there. We have until November 30, 2013 to raise \$6,000 for our endowment which will be matched by Kirkpatrick with \$2,000. *A motion was made by Eugene Earsom and seconded by Judy Neale to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.*

President's Report: Sharon Douthitt looked into the Oklahoma Group through the University of Oklahoma, and decided not to accept their help at this time. Sharon has bought a display board and had it set up with a nice display of FOLIO pictures and items. She said that anyone can use the board for programs. She also handed out some rep cards that she had had printed, and urged the board members to take them back to their local Friends. She is looking into reprinting our brochures. Sharon stated that she had conducted a Round Robin discussion among the Executive Committee. The proposed video conferencing did not work out. She also attended the ODL meeting where she met Hannibal Johnson and asked him to join our Advisory Board. He has not yet given an answer. In regard to the Annual Meeting coming up in April, Sharon went to Ardmore to visit the facility. There is only one room for luncheons, so FOLIO's will be held along with OLA. Vickie Rankin White will be the speaker. There will be one table for FOLIO presenters. *A motion was made by Judy Neale and seconded by Gerry Hendon to reserve space for our presenters at the front of the room, motion passed.* The rest of the FOLIO attendees will be disbursed throughout the room. The program will be held from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. and will be Success ... With Friends Like These. Sharon will send out a letter to all the Friends groups. Next year we will do a survey asking members which topics they want presented. The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. with the annual meeting held from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m.



Archives: Jon Douthitt plans to write to Friends groups to see if they have anything to put in the archives regarding recognition or history.

Best Friends Award: Joe McReynolds is redoing the criteria and will send this to Cindy Friedeman this month to be put on the website.

Bylaws: Bob Greenstreet has completed all necessary action.

Corporate Outreach: A letter is being prepared to be sent to corporations for membership.

Endowment: Gerry Hendon urged all of the board members to participate by donating and asking others to donate in order to strengthen and promote libraries.

Grants: Chair to be announced. Sharon Douthitt attended a meeting on grants.

Hall of Fame: Clare Delaney was not present.

Information Table: Joe McReynolds got the supplies from Jon Douthitt and will take care of the information table at the meeting.

Legislative: There are many bills in the early stage, so watch for them. The move to eliminate the state income tax will destroy libraries and schools. April 16 will be Legislative Day in Oklahoma City.

Membership: Jeannine Spencer reported that we have received 1 corporate membership, 133 individual, 72 Friends and 53 libraries. There will be a membership drive in January.

Outreach/Ambassadors: Northeast: Pryor is not going anywhere.
Northwest: no report
Southwest: Will meet with Hobart in June.
Southeast: no report

Seed Grants: The seed grant money for Pryor has been returned to us.

Scholarships: Laurie Sundborg will rewrite the criteria. Deadline is March 1.

Web Page: Cindy Friedeman reported that there have been many accomplishments, but there are also many weaknesses, especially in getting content to the website. The content is provided by committee chairs. It would be possible to set up Pay Pal account for dues.

Literary Landmark: Karen Neurohr reported the Literary Landmark will be held on either Sunday, April 21 or Sunday, April 28, both at 2:00 a.m. A poetry contest will be an element of the event, open to 9th through 12th grades in rural schools in Creek and Lincoln counties. The honoree will be Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel who was an Okie poet. She wrote both poetry and



prose of working class literature. Judy Neale will help with the poetry contest which will be announced after February 1. The author's publisher will donate \$1,500 which will provide \$1,000 for the poetry contest and \$500 for the booklet. The cost of the booklet is \$3,300 for 5,000 booklets, and Karen is still pursuing grants for that. The cost of the plaque is now \$800 and we will pay half. The event will be held in the Stroud Public Schools auditorium across the street from the library. There is a collection of her works in Stroud and Chandler. The Chamber of Commerce will allow a page in their program advertising the dedication. Ms. McDaniel died in 2007, and Karen read a letter from 1984 from her. A documentary film about her could be shown at the dedication. Karen also noted that the Rock Café in Stroud is for sale.

Unfinished Business: Dave Moore raised the fee for his computer programs to \$700. *A motion was made by Gerry Hendon, seconded by Jennifer Greenstreet that we not continue with the Dave Moore programs, motion carried.* The Southwest Regional Meeting did not meet with great success. The next time we need to write FREE on the invitation. Sharon Douthitt reported that the Get Smart information for the Oklahoma City Foundation needed editing, and she and Gerry Hendon are working on it.

New Business: Sharon urged members to let FOLIO know when their information changes so our lists are correct. The Strategic Plan for 2013, which was worked on at the previous meeting, turned out well.

A motion was made by Jon Douthitt, seconded by Jeannine Spencer to adjourn, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. McReynolds, Secretary