



Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma
Board Meeting
January 31, 2014
Mustang Public Library

Board Members Present: Jon Douthitt, Sharon Douthitt, Eugene Earsom, Bob Greenstreet, Jennifer Greenstreet, Gerry Hendon, Carolyn Klepper, Carol McReynolds, Joe McReynolds, Judy Neale, Karen Neurohr, Sharon Saulman, Jeannine Spencer

Advisory Board Members Present: Susan McVey, Vickie Mohr, Diane Sarantakos

Guest: Lynda Reynolds, OLA President

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Douthitt at 10:05 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented by Secretary Carol McReynolds. *A motion was made by Judy Neale, seconded by Joe McReynolds to accept the minutes as amended, passed.*

Treasurer Gerry Hendon presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$22,531.49 in the general fund and \$3,588.48 in the Schusterman Fund. Gerry announced that we met our endowment fund goal and noted that we will be spending a lot of money in the next few months. There were no questions regarding the report and it will be filed for audit.

President's Report: President Sharon Douthitt reported that the first Executive Committee meeting as a teleconference was mostly successful. She also read a note from Tom Terry, Emeritus Board Member, who is well, but very busy. Also, it was noted that Dr. Ann Morgan's husband had recently passed away.

The following committee reports were given:

Annual Meeting: Chair Judy Neale and President Sharon Douthitt will get together to discuss details.

Archives: Chair Jon Douthitt and Gerry Hendon are sorting things received from the Tulsa City/County Library which will then be put in the FOLIO archives.



Best Friends: Chair Joe McReynolds asked Susan McVey to send out an e-mail to all the libraries in the state announcing this award to be given at the Spring Conference. Carolyn Klepper asked that she be excused from the committee this year, as the Mustang Friends plan to enter the contest. Eugene Earsom suggested that we send a notice through OLA also.

Bylaws: Chair Bob Greenstreet reported that the amended bylaws have been approved and are ready to be signed by the President and the Secretary.

Corporate Outreach: Chair Jon Douthitt reported that he not received any response to the letters that were sent out.

Endowment: Chair Gerry Hendon created the Endowment Fund during her tenure as President in 2009. There have been three matching grants since then and the total in the endowment is now \$72,141.52. We were \$176 short of reaching our recent goal of \$6,000, so the money was taken out of the treasury. *Gerry Hendon made a motion that it is time to write another matching grant proposal, set the amount and meet either the April or July deadline, seconded by Jeannine Spencer, defeated.* The Endowment Committee of Jon Douthitt, Gerry Hendon, Sharon Douthitt and Judy Neale then proposed that we set the amount at \$6,000, to be met by \$2,000 from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund unless OCCF comes up with a better offer.

Hall of Fame Award: Chair Carol McReynolds asked for recommendations for this award.

Information Table: President Sharon Douthitt polled the board on the question of having prizes as we did last year, and the answer was yes. Anyone wishing to make a donation should send it to Sharon.

Legislative: In the absence of Chair Harlene Wills, Susan McVey announced that at the Federal level an appropriation passed giving increased funding to libraries for internet. The State Legislature begins its second session on February 3, 2014 and the Governor will give the State of the State address and present the annual budget which will probably be flat or decreased. Revenues are less this year. Susan also reminded the board that Legislative Day will be April 29, 2014.

Literary Landmark: Chair Karen Neurohr announced that the 2015 author to be honored will be Marquis James. Helen Cline has offered to help. Wilma McDaniels booklets will be distributed to rural schools in Lincoln and Creek Counties as well as posters. There will be a second poetry contest in the spring.



The prize money will decrease this year. The Lincoln Co. Museum of Pioneer History may host a reception for the awarding of prizes to the winners of the poetry contest.

Membership: Acting Chair Jeannine Spencer reported that there are 39 Friends groups, 25 Libraries and 115 *Individual* memberships so far. A reminder will be sent to those whose memberships expired in June, 2013.

Newsletter: Sharon Saulman is working on it and needs any information immediately.

Outreach, Ambassador Program: Jon Douthitt reported contact with Vinita and Chelsea. Carol McReynolds reported contact with Clinton.

Seed Grants: Chair Judy Neale reported hearing from Okeene Friends of the Library which is supported by two local businesses. *Judy made a motion to award a seed grant to Okeene Friends of the Library, seconded by Joe McReynolds, passed.*

Scholarships: Chair Laurie Sundburg was not present, but it was announced that the form has been updated and posted on the web site.

Web Page: There is some updating to be done on the web page.

Unfinished Business: At the Annual Meeting, the FOLIO booth will be manned by Jon and Sharon Douthitt and Joe and Carol McReynolds on Tuesday in the morning and by Gerry Hendon and other local Friends in the afternoon. On Wednesday, the local Friends will man the booth while FOLIO is meeting. The morning program will be "Marketing on a Shoestring", the luncheon speaker will be Kelly Kerr, author of "Oklahoma Revisited ". The luncheon will be followed by the annual membership meeting and then the FOLIO board meeting with election of officers.

New Business: *A motion was made by Jeannine Spencer, seconded by Bob Greenstreet to move and rededicate the Lynn Riggs plaque, passed. A retreat will be held at the Noble Foundation in Ardmore on June 19 and 20. This has been arranged through Shirley Jones, the new Director of the Noble Foundation Library. There will be accommodations for 20 to 21 persons. President Sharon Douthitt asked for suggestions for topics to be discussed. FOLIO has received a letter of resignation from Mary Harkey. A motion was made by Jennifer Greenstreet, seconded by Jeannine Spencer to accept the resignation with regret, passed. Another motion was made by Eugene Earsom, seconded by Carol McReynolds to extend Emeritus status to Mary Harkey, passed.*



The board voted to allow a change in the order of Vice Presidents with Judy Neale moving up into the First Vice President slot and Karen Neurohr in the Second Vice President slot. With the election of officers coming up soon, Nominating Chair Carolyn Klepper will need to find a candidate for Second Vice President for the 2014-15 year.

OLA has made a request for a contribution to their endowment fund. A motion was made by Gerry Hendon, seconded by Carolyn Klepper to make a donation of \$50 to OLA. After discussion, passed.

Karen Neurohr announced that there is a traveling exhibit called Best Practices for Caring for Our Endangered Heritage done in multiple panels which is free to use by libraries who will be responsible for transporting them.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. McReynolds, Secretary