

FOLIO
Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma
Minutes of Board Meeting
July 10, 2009
Okemah Historical Museum
Okemah, OK

Present at the meeting were: Betty Boyd, Bev Dieterlen, Jon Douthitt, Sharon Douthitt, Emily Dunagin, Jennifer Greenstreet, Robert Greenstreet, Tom Haines, Mary Harkey, Gerry Hendon, Cletta Kinnear, Carolyn Klepper, Carol McReynolds, Joe McReynolds, Karen Neurohr, Elfrige Nikkel, Julia Ratliff, Tom Terry, Harlene Wills, Vicki Mohr, Anne Morgan.

The meeting of FOLIO was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the president, Gerry Hendon, at the Okemah Historical Museum. Board member Tom Haines introduced his wife, Carol Haines, and Dr. Ann Morgan, a FOLIO Advisory Board member. Also, we were honored to have Gengy Edwards from the Tahlequah Friends group and Karen Neurohr's husband, George, attend our meeting.

The minutes of the February 6th board meeting were approved.

Carol McReynolds gave the treasurer's report. The balance on hand in the checking account is \$6,936.95. The Cherokee Nation account is \$6,210.31 and the Schusterman account balance is \$5,996.41. Our total funds on deposit are \$19,143.67. Mary Harkey moved to accept the report and Bev. Dieterlen seconded. The motion passed and the report will be filed for audit.

- President's Report: Gerry thanked Karen Neurohr for all her hard work on today's arrangements for the Woody Guthrie Literary Landmark rededication and reception. She also thanked Julia Ratliff for all her help as an advisor and expert cookie baker for the reception. Gerry recognized Carolyn Klepper for having been inducted into the Mustang Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame for her work with the Mustang Friends of the Library. Also, there was a newspaper article about the recent wedding of Cindy Mitas. FOLIO has received another \$500.00 from Prudential for the endowment to match the contribution made by Tom Haines.

- Archives: Tom Terry now has all the archives officially at the OLA office in Oklahoma City.

- Bylaws: Robert Greenstreet has sent notice of the bylaw changes.

- Directory: Sharon Douthitt had no report.

- Finance: Officers will meet in a couple of weeks to prepare the 2009-2010 budget year.

- Grants: Carolyn Klepper is looking into a Capacity Building Grant to help pay the speaker's fee for our retreat next June 3rd and 4th in Ardmore. We are contacting Sandra LeVan about the possibility of her being our speaker for the retreat. We received a Cox Communication grant application to apply for a grant from them. (It was mentioned that Guidestar.com has tax returns for companies on how much they have given in grants to non-profit organizations in the past.)

-Information Table: Denyveta Davis will have that responsibility this year.

Literary Landmarks: Michael Wallis sends sincere regrets that he could not participate in the re-dedication of the Woody Guthrie Plaque. Karen Neurohr announced that Oklahoma Heritage Association is slated to publish the article that she and Julia wrote about the Literary Landmarks in their August issue. The Ralph Ellison Library in OKC is being renovated and the Literary Landmark plaque will be displayed in the new library. FOLIO is invited to attend and give a brief presentation during the Grand Opening week. The date will be sometime in September.

The eighth Literary Landmark dedication will be held on Tuesday, November 17th in Pawhuska when we will honor John Joseph Matthews and the Osage Tribal Museum. Karen is working with the University of Oklahoma Press, the Osage Tribal Museum, Dr. Lindsey Smith, OSU English Department, and Virginia Mathews for the booklet content. They will do at least 1000 booklets with biographical information about Matthews and pivotal events for the Osage Nation. Kathryn Redcorn, Director of the Osage Tribal Museum, is helping. We still need funding for the booklet.

- Membership: Tom Terry announced that dues are due on July 1st. In June we mailed notices to libraries and friends members. We got a new list from ODL to correct and update the addresses. We mailed out 816 notices. In a month, we will send out a reminder card.

- Newsletter: Gerry announced that the newsletter has gone out.

- Nominating: No report

- Best Friends: No report

- Outreach: Emily Dunagin is chairman and has an Outreach Committee. Cletta Kinnear will go with her to talk to groups. Henryetta is working on getting their 501(c)3 status. They also will need Articles of Incorporation.

- Web Page: Gerry reported that it has been updated by Bruce Stone.

- Old Business: Karen Neurohr reported that both FOLIO logos were so wonderful that we were going to try to use them both at some time. After much discussion, it was decided to use the green FOLIO design now and hold the red design with the Gaillardia until later if we need a new logo. We will pay Katie, the OSU student who designed the Gaillardia logo as our backup an award of \$100.00 as her prize.

After a brief adjournment, Gerry reconvened the meeting for the purpose of voting on funding a large commemorative brick to place in the park where the Woody Guthrie statue and the Literary Landmark plaque stand. The brick would recognize FOLIO and be in memory of Dee Jones and his wife, who were instrumental in starting WoodyFest. Emily Dunagin moved that we allow \$150.00 to purchase one large brick. Betty Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The morning meeting was then adjourned and it was announced that we would reconvene for the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Gerry Hendon, at the Okemah Public Library.

Old Business: Carolyn Klepper is going to work on the grant application for an OCCF Capacity Building Grant.

Robert Greenstreet announced we need to vote on the change in bylaws to add a Literary Landmark Committee to our board. Sharon Douthitt moved to allow this change and Carol McReynolds seconded the motion and it passed.

Gerry Hendon read a letter from Betty Hardin with her resignation from the FOLIO board. Jennifer Greenstreet moved to accept her resignation with regret and Harlene Wills seconded it. The motion passed. We will all miss Betty. Gerry asked us to think of good prospects we could nominate to fill this vacancy.

Bills to be allowed: Karen Neurohr paid the OSU student, Katie, \$100.00 for her second place logo design and we need to reimburse Karen for this cost. Jennifer Greenstreet moved we pay Karen Neurohr \$100.00 and John Douthitt seconded the motion. It passed.

Emily Dunigan suggested that each board member submit a name of a library that doesn't have a Friends group. This would really help Outreach.

Karen announced the people who couldn't attend the Literary Landmark and read a wonderful letter from Eleanor Edmundson.

Gerry asked for ideas to add to our FOLIO brochure on "Why you want to join FOLIO".

Mustang had a golf tournament and made \$3500.00. The Literacy Council in Claremore had a spelling bee and they made \$2000.00. At the last meeting of the Shawnee City Commission, a woman who learned to read at the library came and read to the commission. The Claremore Book Sales are up. Libraries are busier than ever because of the down economy and we are needed more than ever.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Our next meeting will be November 17th in Pawhuska.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Dieterlen