

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OKLAHOMA
MINUTES
June 15, 2012
Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK

Board Members Present: Clare Delaney, Jon Douthitt, Sharon Douthitt, Bob Greenstreet, Jennifer Greenstreet, Carolyn Klepper, Carol McReynolds, Joe McReynolds, Judy Neale, Karen Neurhor, Jeannine Spencer, Desiree Weber

Advisory Board Members Present: Connie Armstrong, Oliver Delaney, Vickie Mohr

Excused Members: Eugene Earsom, Cindy Mitas Friedemann, Mary Harkey, Mona Hatfield, Gerry Hendon, Bruce Stone, Laura Sundborg, Harlene Wills, Latasha Wilson

President Carolyn Klepper called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was presented along with a proposed budget and *a motion made by Sharon Douthitt and seconded by Desiree Weber accepted both*. Discussion included information about the Dave Moore computer classes. Desiree Weber will write three more requests for grants to fund future classes. The cost is now \$600 per class, and we will not schedule any more classes until more grant money can be procured. Jennifer Greenstreet suggested consolidation of libraries in close proximity. The seed grant money is decreasing in the Schusterman account. There is one application for today's meeting and two more are expected. We will apply to the Schusterman Foundation for additional funds.

President's Report: Carolyn Klepper thanked the board for the opportunity to serve. She stated that governance is very important. Some highlights of Carolyn's term were the establishment of the Ambassador program, which serves to strengthen Friends of the Library groups in Oklahoma, the success of the Endowment Foundation and continuation of Literary Landmarks.

Archives: No report at this time.

Bylaws: Amended bylaws were passed out at the Annual Meeting in April. Bob Greenstreet will send a clean copy to the board members.

Finance: Sharon Douthitt referred this to New Business.

Grants: Desiree will write three grants. One will go to Bluewater for non-profits who earn \$100 to \$249,000 per year.

Literary Landmark: Connie Armstrong passed out copies of "Oklahoma Book Awards 2012" from the Center for the Book. The publication announces Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma as the recipient of the 2012 Glenda Carlisle Distinguished Service Award and lists all of our Literary Landmark Projects since 2001.

FOLIO Ambassadors: Carol and Joe McReynolds reported that there are no new problems in their sector. Judy Neale reported that Elgin had gotten a seed grant and put on a program with an expected 40 attendees and 140 showed up. Jon and Sharon Douthitt went to Chelsea where Friends are reforming and gave them information about applying for a seed grant. Bob and Jennifer Greenstreet reported that Ada Library had an Ada University Public Relations group do PR for their Friends. They designed a collapsible bag which will sell for \$3.00 group's success.

Publicity: Jeannine Spencer displayed a bag from the Okmulgee Friends. There was no further report on publicity.

Seed Grants: A motion was made by Judy Neale and seconded by Bob Greenstreet that a *grant be made to Waurika Friends of the Library, passed*. The library is located in the renovated depot with the children's section located in the colored section of the old depot. Since we have already granted four seed grants this year, Treasurer Gerry Hendon has recommended that the check not be issued until after July 1st, at the beginning of our fiscal year. Karen Neurohr made a suggestion that we invite past seed grant recipients to come to the Annual Meeting and talk about their

Unfinished Business: The Dave Moore computer classes were already discussed under the Finance heading.

New Business: President Carolyn Klepper attended training at OKCCF for fund dispersal and has already filled out the necessary forms. She asked that someone go on the site and double check them for accuracy. The information must be updated each year in order to receive our yearly dispersal.

Audit: Gerry Hendon contacted RSVP and was told that RSVP would do an audit for us. It was suggested that a \$50.00 donation be made to the organization for that service.

Endowment Challenge: For every \$3.00 OKCCF will match with \$1.00. *A motion was made by Desiree Weber and seconded by Sharon Douthitt that we set a goal of \$6,000 with monies earned to go toward scholarships, passed*. The timeline is one year from the inception of the challenge match.

At this point in the meeting, Carolyn passed the FOLIO seal to Sharon Douthitt, the incoming President for 2012-2014. Sharon outlined her goals for the future and announced the next meeting to be held on September 21, 2012 tentatively at the new

Patience Latting Library in Oklahoma City. In October, the first regional workshop for Friends groups entitled "Together We Can" will be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Carol McReynolds, Secretary