



Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma
Board Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2013
Southwest OKC Library

Board Members in Attendance: Sharon Douthitt, Karen Neurohr, Judy Neale, Carol McReynolds, Jon Douthitt, Eugene Earsom, Jennifer Greenstreet, Bob Greenstreet, Carolyn Klepper, Joe McReynolds, Diane Pennington, Sharon Saulmon, Laurie Sundborg.

Advisory Board Members in Attendance: Vicki Mohr, Susan McVey

Guests: Mack Pennington

President Sharon Douthitt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and introduced Joe Carter from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation who gave an interesting talk on planned giving for non-profits.

Secretary Carol McReynolds presented the minutes of the previous meeting and *made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Joe McReynolds, passed.*

In the absence of Treasurer Gerry Hendon, President Sharon Douthitt presented the proposed budget for the year 2013-2014. *A motion was made by Eugene Earsom, to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Jon Douthitt, passed. Karen Neurohr made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Joe McReynolds, passed. Carolyn Klepper made a motion that we set aside up to \$2,000 to meet the endowment drive total of \$6,000, seconded by Judy Neale, passed.*

President's Report: Sharon reported that it has been a busy summer with a dues mailing and endowment mailing completed. She challenged each board member to find at least one potential board member. She has also attended planning meetings for the upcoming OLA/FOLIO conference next spring.

Committee Reports:

Archives: Jon Douthitt reported that he has been busy gathering things to go into the archives. Clare Delaney submitted a medal from 2007 which was awarded to FOLIO for Library Legends.

Audit: The Audit Committee reported that there will be a meeting of the committee at Gerry Hendon's home this week.



Best Friends Award: Chair Joe McReynolds will put an article in the next newsletter. He will also see that the information on the entry form on the website is updated and sent to the website committee.

Bylaws: Chair Bob Greenstreet will address under Unfinished Business.

Corporate Outreach: Chair Jon Douthitt has sent letters to twenty Indian tribes and sixty publishing companies.

Endowment: Chair Judy Neale reported that endowment letters were mailed. Cards can be printed through Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

Finance: In the absence of Chair Gerry Hendon, there was no report.

Grants: There were no grant requests. President Sharon Douthitt reported that we are looking to reprint the FOLIO brochure, making it more informational.

Hall of Fame: Chair Joe McReynolds will update the file and will be sure to use the new FOLIO address of P.O. Box 702585, Tulsa, OK 74170.

Information Table: Chair Carol McReynolds reported the success of this year's promotions through the Information Table. Many people visited the table and the drawings drew a lot of people in, too. Susan McVey will check with OLA to clarify the promotions.

Legislative: There is not a great deal going on in the Legislature concerning libraries. This is a good time to rebuild relationships with legislators. It would be a good idea to invite them to your local library so they could get to know you as a constituent. Laurie Sundborg announced that the OLA Legislative Day will be held in April.

Literary Landmark: Chair Karen Neurohr announced that the Wilma Elizabeth McDaniels booklets are being mailed to all stakeholders. Since funds are still available, a second poetry contest will be held again in the spring, and possibly a third contest in 2015. The Lincoln Co. Museum of Pioneer History may host an awards reception for the 2014 contest. The Literary Landmark honoree in 2015 will be Marquis James from Enid. Two future possibilities for honorees are John Hope Franklin from Tulsa and Tony Hillerman from Lawton.

Membership: No report



Newsletter: Another newsletter should be out before October 25.

Outreach/Ambassadors: Jon Douthitt in the northeast section of the state announced that he has visited Chelsea Library north of Claremore. They have limited resources, but are very optimistic.

Carol McReynolds in the northwest section of the state reported that she has visited Rose State College Friends in Oklahoma City and has talked with Clinton Friends of the Library about a possible visit with them .

Judy Neale in the southwest section of the state reported that she has visited Hollis Library and Altus Library where there is a Friends group.

Jennifer Greenstreet reported on Ada Friends.

Seed Grants: Chair Judy Neale reported that there were no requests received. Susan McVey will see if information can be sent out from the Department of Libraries.

Support Staff Scholarships: Chair Laurie Sundborg announced a deadline of February 28, 2014 for entries for the scholarships.

Web Page: We are looking to add a list of all Friends groups in Oklahoma. This must be formatted as a PDF file or Word file. Information should be sent to Cindy Friedemann.

Unfinished Business: After a thorough examination of the current bylaws with numerous suggested revisions, *Karen Neurohr made a motion to accept the revisions, seconded by Laurie Sundborg, passed.* Revised bylaws are attached with the revisions as of September 27, 2013.

New Business: Discussion of the program for the 2014 Conference was held. Topics entertained were “Marketing on a Shoestring” and “Oklahoma Revisited”. We have purchased forty of the book “Oklahoma Revisited” signed for \$20.00 each. Susan McVey suggested setting up video conferencing meetings with Joe Carter about planned giving. Resignations were received from Desiree Webber and Latasha Wilson and were accepted with regrets. Karen Neurohr announced that the Oklahoma Humanities Council through the “Let's Talk About It” program was offering American Indian Writers of the Plains including Linda Hogan and Thomas Keane.

Upcoming meetings: Friday, January 31, Wednesday, April 2 at the Tulsa Marriott on 71 St.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Carol McReynolds, Secretary