

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Annual Meeting

May 25, 2010

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Present: Merle Logan, Claudine Hundhausen, Cathy Johnston, Maggie Karl, Blaine Rose, John Hull, Jean Hanna, Beth Ridenour, Maureen Haggerty, Horty Joyce and Deirdre Krumper.

Guest: Mary Anne Soukup.

President Merle Logan called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

Events of last year: Merle Logan talked about the events of the past year:

- The BLFF had its second highly successful "Appreciation Luncheon". About 40 people, including City Manager Matt Winkel, attended.
- The BLFF served as a nonprofit sponsor for a proposed prison art exhibit.
- Programs sponsored or supported by the BLFF included the Bravo program and the Celia Piehl poetry competition.
- Movie night was successful and had developed a regular audience. Travel night had a series of interesting programs. Most notable was the talk on cross-country bicycling by Vicki Bunn-Cohen. The internet classes taught by Maureen Haggerty and Bill Russell provided a useful service.
- There were two successful book sales in the last year, the July and Christmas sales. The Neverending sale continued to earn more than \$400 each month.
- When it came to documenting the activities of the BLFF, the website and newsletter served this purpose very well. New Historian Beth Ridenour has been arranging papers, photos and clippings into notebooks.
- The BLFF supported library functions. Among these were the Title Wave program, a county-wide board training session and a regional meeting of "Friends of the Library" organizations from around the region.
- Major unsolicited donations came from several organizations, including the Sprague and Keiser foundations and from many individuals.
- The Endowment Fund, formed in the last year, has grown and is moving into a condition of sustainability.

Challenges: Merle Logan said that one ongoing problem has been recruiting of new members, specifically men. The Sprague Room closet is still a problem. The electric cart has had sporadic breakdowns. The latest one occurred because the cart was not being fully charged. The carpet was dirty, but now has been cleaned. The broken front door is a persistent problem. One whiteboard is coming loose from its frame. One problem that was fixed by a simple move was the Sprague Room clock, which is now keeping perfect time.

Website during last year: Maureen Haggerty reported that the website had had over 28,000 unique visits over the past year and noted that about 80% of this traffic might be web crawlers. She said that the site was up to date. She handed out a sheet giving specifics on web use.

Review of "Friends": Horty Joyce said that the Friends of the Library had 290 members. Of these, 185 are life members. The Friends has 171 E-mail addresses and 11 complementary members, including libraries. It has gained 39 new members since 2009. Merle said that the library has become a model of success for the community.

Treasurer's Report: Merle Logan said that the Annual Financial Report showed that for 2009-2010, income was \$30,955.28 and expenses were \$27,115.03. The current checking account balance was \$25,557.88 and the Endowment Fund held \$17,184.00.

Library Director's Remarks: Deirdre Krumper told the BLFF that 2010 had been a year of expansion and refinement. BLFF gifts for items such as computer tables, four new book trucks and three new computers had given the library a more finished look. The BLFF's gift of \$3,000 for children's material helped with an increasingly tight budget. So far the BLFF had given the library \$7,313.56 for equipment for FY 2001-10. Issues remaining were repair of the broken front door and reorganization of the archives room.

The reviews of the past year were unanimously accepted on a motion by Horty Joyce and second by Claudine Hundhausen.

Board Reelections: Merle reported that, with the resignation of Nanci Calvert, one vacancy was available. Claudine Hundhausen nominated the current board members to serve for the next year and also nominated Beth Ridenour to fill the vacant position. This was approved unanimously.

Election of Officers: All officers resigned. Horty Joyce nominated entire slate to serve for the next year. Claudine Hundhausen seconded. This was unanimously accepted.

The next meeting was set for May 24, 2011, at 10:30 am in the Sprague Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

---Deirdre Krumper, Secretary