

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2022

Attendees:

Megan Maloney (President), Linda Hill (Secretary), Tracy Hodson (Treasurer), Lorna Logan, Karen Thomas, Christine Kingsbury (Library Director)

Guests: Dennis Hitchcock (Lifetime Member), James Peake (LTM), Marcia Kruse (LTM), Korinn Hockett (library patron)

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. in The Barn.

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Megan said although minutes from last year were approved, she thought a review of these might be of interest. Finances for the year ending June 30th will not be available until July 1.

Megan reported that many programs and activities will probably change during this coming year.

Itty Bitty Book Sale

This was a new event that was instituted during the pandemic in lieu of holding major sales. Carts borrowed from the library were set up on the patio for four hours on the first Saturday of the summer months. Each event resulted in approximately \$250-300 in sales. More than \$2,100 was made in 2021, and \$800 has been received so far during this fiscal year. These sales have given patrons a chance to participate in a library event and have been favorably received by them.

Never-Ending Book Sale

With the opening of the library, this sale has been resumed. The shelves near the entrance to the library offer hard and softcover books, DVD movies, CDs and puzzles at prices between \$1 and \$5 So far this year the NEBS has earned \$2,000 for the Friends, which, of course, goes to the library.

Summer Book Sale

This event will be reinstated in August, although it will not as big as our usual semi-annual sales.

Lifetime Members Club

The club continues to meet annually. Last October, Cathy pondered why hold a LTMC gathering via email and snail mail. The Bandon Library hadn't a director and the staff couldn't come up with anything the library needed when thinking outside the box. Would anyone respond and write a check?

She began her introduction speech saying that, but asking to have a "welcome to the Bandon Library" check for the new director. She was pleasantly surprised at the Club's positive response. Then Christine was hired and came up with a project in the blink of an eye.

Cathy went back and asked LTMs who didn't respond to the first request if they might now with an actual project. More LTMs did send in money. Most of the project items have been purchased, are on site and being used, including two barrel stools, a Y-shaped bench and shelving to mark off the new Young Adult area.

The LTM's raised \$4,681 this year. Trivia night money and some money from the library's budget was added for the \$5,473.11 project. It is still a very small group of LTMs that participate, about 15%.

Classic Movie Night

Although this program won't continue in a monthly form, it may re-emerge in a larger venue. The previous setting of the Sprague Room was not the most comfortable setting in which to show a movie. The Sprague Theatre has a new technical setup, and on June 18th we will hold the first free-to-the-public movie there in the new format. Refreshments will be available for purchase in the lobby with proceeds to benefit the theatre. If successful, we will plan to do the event a couple of times a year. Previously BLFF had purchased an annual movie license, but the price has risen substantially, and the cost of showing a movie twice a year this way will be approximately the same. This new format is a way to say thank you and be part of the greater community.

Library Readers' Book Group

Karen is the organizer for this program. She has held an organizational meeting, and now the first session of the group has been scheduled for June 14th. Karen reports that everyone at the organizational meeting (30 participants) seemed thrilled that the group will be active once more.

Travel Night

Travel Night was the most highly attended of any of the monthly events prior to the pandemic. A volunteer from the community would come to discuss a trip, anything from camping in local state park to travelling in the Seychelle Islands. Marilyn Noorda had been in charge but has left the area, and we are seeking someone to take over organizing the program. Ivy Wagner, a library patron, approached Christine about having a regular weekly discussion meeting, which could be about travelling or a variety of other subjects of interest. We are excited that this is a potential new program. Christine reported that this might be a Friday coffee and conversation time. Different speakers could be invited, or the local writers' group, or a craft project could be organized. Jan Ayers will work on it, and the thought is to start holding it in June or July. Megan commented that we have many talented folks in community who could share their talent in this way.

Bandon Library Art Gallery

The gallery will begin new rotating shows and Charles Tatum's sculptures will stay for a while. The next show will exhibit Vicki Affatati and Abby Lazerow. Works by Victoria Tierney will be shown on the long wall in the library. We hope to have a reception on July 9th to celebrate the reopening of the library. The mosaic show will take place again next year.

Margery Wilson Bequest

Thanks to her bequest, the library was able to purchase an RFID system to help with checkout and inventory. Bandon was the first library in Coos County to initiate this system. The previous library director had suggested it when asked for a recommendation for a large project that might benefit from the bequest, and Christine is continuing with the process, which entails labor-intensive work.

Publicity

We take as much advantage as we can of Facebook to share BLFF and library information. We also have a website that is maintained by Maureen Haggerty; she encourages people to help with this. Please check out the site and offer any suggestions you might have for general improvement.

BLFF Donations to the Library for 2022-23

BLFF makes an annual donation to the library through the city, based on what we earned the previous fiscal year (less our own expenses). Interest paid from the BLFF Endowment Fund, Lifetime Members Club annual fundraising proceeds, Trivia Night proceeds and interest from the Endowment Fund are also donated.

We have agreed to an annual donation amount of \$13,000 for next fiscal year. LTM proceeds are anticipated to be approximately \$3,000, and Trivia Night is projected, if held, to amount to about \$600 for the year. (The last Trivia game enabled us to give \$1,000 for the children's library program.) People are also continuing to donate money to the Staff Picks program, which are books not in the regular budget but which staff think might be of particular interest.

Library Director

We look forward to working with our new Library Director in her efforts to enhance the library. She is planning a variety of activities such as passive programs for kids (for example, Lego Fun Time). She is preparing to work with Shoreline Education Awareness and Washed Ashore to offer some fun family things; summer reading programs and science kits, both to keep educational skills going. She applied for a grant for grounds improvement from AARP, and although she didn't receive it, she is still hoping to spruce up the patio area. She is also looking into obtaining funds for computer classes for adults. She is hoping to partner for an Author Talk with Mark Yaconelli, who will talk about Storytelling and his book [Between the Listening and Telling: How Stories Can Save Us](#) She is also considering having a Celtic Harp concert. The library has purchased a Storywalk, which consists of metal podium-like stands covered with plexiglass. There are 15 stands which will be installed by the gravel path leading into the park from the library/theatre parking lot. These can be used for multiple exhibits, from pages from children's books to local history. There is also the possibility of installing a Little Free Library cabinet at the end of the gravel path. She is working with the City of Bandon Parks and Rec and Christine Hall of the Friends of Bandon Park. Hall's organization went before 100 Strong Bandon whose members quarterly choose a non-profit project. Christine emphasized that this is not just one entity but everyone working together to develop programs.

Library Board

Karen Thomas reported that the Board is having regular meetings again. The next one will be held at the end of June. Horthy is going onto the Board. The Board will be reviewing outdated statistics and other items.

Title Wave

BLFF has just made an annual \$500 donation to this literary event celebrating books by Oregon authors in Coos and Curry counties. The idea behind this program is to encourage readership of local and regional writers.

Updated Strategic Plan/Library Patron Questionnaire

The Strategic Plan committee continues to update the plan, which will then be presented to the board at large. The questionnaire regarding readership wishes and trends will be available online and at the counter. The library and the BLFF both need to know what patrons wish to see at the library. This will hopefully be completed by the end of the year.

Newsletter

The purpose of the newsletter is primarily to let members know what is happening at the library and with BLFF. Eunice Olson has been producing and editing it for a couple of years. Submissions for the next issue are due by June 15th, and Eunice encourages both board members and library patrons to submit articles or suggestions for articles.

Elections of Board Members/Responsibilities

There is a need for board members to commit to a three-year term, and these terms need to be staggered. This year, Tracy, Sabrina and Karen are ending three years on the board. They have all agreed to continue as board members. Lorna moved that Tracy Hodson, Karen Thomas and Sabrina Johnson be re-elected as board members for three years. Marcia seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Officers serve a one-year term. Megan Maloney, President; Linda Hill, Secretary; Cathy Larcom-Johnston, Vice President; and Tracy Hodson, Treasurer; all resigned. Lorna made a motion to have all officers be re-elected to their positions. Karen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Megan Maloney, Linda Hill, Cathy Larcom-Johnston and Tracy Hodson were re-elected as officers.

We are seeking a person to fulfill the ninth board position. That board member will attend regular meetings and take on responsibilities as necessary. If anyone is willing to serve, they may leave their information at the library front desk or contact the President, Megan Maloney.

Next Meeting Dates (Quarterly and Annual)

Next quarterly meeting will be held July 26th at 2 p.m. The next annual meeting will be held May 23rd, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Minutes taken by Linda Hill, Secretary