

BLFF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

2:00 p.m.

The BLFF is the non-profit organization that supports Bandon Library. We provide ongoing financial support through fundraising and endowments for books and other media acquisition, library equipment and supplies, and a variety of community-based programs that contribute to the excellence of our library.

Attendees: Cathy Larcom-Johnston (Vice-President), Linda Hill (Secretary), Tracy Hodson (Treasurer), Sabrina Johnson, Horty Joyce, Lorna Logan, Karen Thomas

Absent: Megan Maloney (President)

Welcome **Cathy**

Annual Minutes 04-25-22 **Cathy** **Motion/Accepted**

2022-2023 Summary **Cathy**

Quest Love, a drummer of "The Roots" band, just co-wrote a Young Adult book. When asked why the change in genre, he answered, "It was during the pandemic. I needed something to do. Either you do nothing or pivot."

This is what the BLFF did, pivot. People are still hesitant about attending book sales. For the second year we participated in the Bandon's Town Wide Yard Sale, bringing in people who were new to the area or just new to yard sales. It was a great exposure for us and simple. The Itty Bitty Book Sales, the 50 Cent Summer Sale, and the fall 3-week Silent Auction will continue. All book sales including our best, the Never Ending, made \$6,488.80 for the fiscal year up to April 30, 2023. The NEBS got a new home with great lighting and more room. Christine and Cody did all the heavy lifting, thank you!

The Lifetime Members Club raised \$5,250 for an even split among children, YA and adults books including audio books. This coming LTMC gathering will once again be asked for book/audio book money for YA and adults with a \$5,000+ goal. The Kid's Zone has a secret financial supporter; thank you!

The library's Art Gallery, a Library Advisory Board activity, is still thriving with Tracy Hodson's leadership. The artwork is always professional and interesting. Her mosaic show is a favorite with Bandon Library patrons and a joy since Tracy is a very creative mosaic artist herself.

The Library Readers Book Group, led by Karen Thomas is an interesting group of people having a vast range of suggested books. Sharon Haga, a reader but also a wonderful baker, bringing treats monthly, is a gem!

Sabrina Johnson as Historian is up to date. This year she created "Blind Date with a Book". A mysteriously wrapped book with clues, a great gift item. You can see these on the NE and Itty Bitty Book Sales. Eunice Olson, our editor produces fun, informative newsletters. Maureen Haggerty, our webmaster, is still wanting us "to send in dates, and photos." Megan, our president and publicity person, will continue to be our leader.

Dennis Hitchcock was added to the board with a unanimous vote in late 2022. He also matched our memberships sold for the year which totaled \$1,000.

We held a movie at the Sprague Theater last June, "The Natural". We got a few dollars for the theater from the 18 people who showed. The lack of interest, movie costs, we will discontinue the Classic Movie Night which ran for over 13 years.

There were many free-to-the-public lectures, children's programs, and events during this fiscal year organized by the library director. Here are a few highlights:

June 7, 2022: Tidal Wave - "On the Trail of the Jackalope" by Michael P. Branch, a fun lecturer.

Aug 4, 2022 - "How Stories Can Save Us" with Mark Yaconelli.

Oct 23, 2022: The Library Readers' Book Group and library hosted Oregon's author William L. Sullivan. He presented slides with stories including the true story of Oregon's exploding whale. Ann Sandstrom from the book club and personal friend of the Sullivans' helped to make this event happen. The book club had read a book of his, their pick. BLFF sponsored this talk, which was held at the Sprague Theater. .

Nov 8, 2022 - "Harp Music and Stories" with Aryeh Frank Purter and Lisa Lynne, sponsored by the BLFF. All were held at the Sprague Theater with great attendance.

April 23, 2023: We sponsored the Portland Guitar Duo with mixed reactions. Library staff had a donation jar out. The \$134 donated was given to the BLFF

May 18, 2023: Tidal Wave with Phillip Margolin announcing his new book "Murder at Black Oaks." He gave an in-depth talk about how his books are created. The BLFF contributes to this annual Coastline Library Network event. It was held at the Sprague Theater, with 27 people in attendance.

