

## FRIENDS OF THE IRRIGON LIBRARY

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### Notes from 6/26/24 Meeting

#### **In attendance:**

Shirley David [gk david@bmi.net](mailto:gk david@bmi.net)

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#### **Not Present:**

Rachel Newport [Rachel.newport@hotmail.com](mailto:Rachel.newport@hotmail.com)

#### **Commencement**

Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Irrigon Library.

The meeting was posted on the Irrigon Facebook page to attract new members and the public.

#### **New Member**

Welcome Reynate Meakins!

#### **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program:**

FOIL needs to seek additional information on how to obtain funding through United Way as the new State of Oregon plan may provide funding up to 50% for the Imagination program through United Way funding.

#### **Fundraising**

There is discussion regarding ways to fundraise. Historically, the savings account accumulation was as a result of bake sales, book sales, craft bazaar during Spring and Fall with vendors paying for tables and raffles. There used to be a couple of individuals that FOIL would provide baking supplies and they would do all the baking and donate their time for the baking.

We will reach out to Kathy as she had stated in our May meeting said she has a letter that could perhaps be modified to use for fundraising requests and would be willing to share it with FOIL. Shirley will also contact Jennifer to see if she still has a list of previous donation sources.

Discussion about contacting Wildhorse, River Lodge, Silverwood, Whitman Hotel, Columbia Gorge Hotel and Spa, for a raffle in November 14 and 15, 2025. Other possibilities would be donations for Hunting and Fishing Guide Services. We will get these dates on the library calendar and post on Facebook in 2025.

Book sale is scheduled **this** year for October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with set up Thursday evening. We will need to contact the high school to secure volunteers for Thursday for set up. We will also contact TRCI for baked goods to sell.

Shirley explains the history of “lifetime” members. Previously, a person could donate a certain amount of money for a lifetime membership. There were plans for printed bricks and decorative fish for display. Unknown as to what happened to the development and what happened that stalled the program. Should Kathy be available to attend our next meeting, we can discuss further the possibility of community display at the library.

### **Literary Events**

Reynate recently attended a book signing event at the Umatilla Library; they did not charge for attendance, but you could buy the book and the author would sign it. We will continue to work on securing a date and list of authors. FOIL seeks to promote interest in the library and literacy for everyone. FOIL will be contacting 3-4 authors and ask if they would participate in an afternoon of telling their stories about how they came to become authors and talk about the books they have written. Next meeting a date will be discussed and hopefully, secured so that the event planning may begin.

### **Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

- Discuss moving savings into higher yield account
- Friends of the Oregon Trail District

### **Adjournment**

This meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.