

Harney County Library Foundation Board Minutes

Tuesday 12/17/24

Attendance:

Cheryl Hancock: Library Director
Fred Flippence
Mike Laiosa
Myndi Hemphill
Melinda Christensen - Potential Board member, school library
Jean Sealy
Karen Knix
Linda Beck

Financial:

Deposits
3.00 Discs
500.00 Harney County Cultural Coalition for Oral History
500.00 Susan Raleigh Donation
60.55 Donation
27.00 OBOB

Business Matters:

Karen and Linda present county budget ongoing analysis from 2017-2024. More review and analysis is needed. More audits will be requested from the county to complete them.

-Discussion about how to properly use the county budgets.

Harney County Treasurer, Bobby Jo, does not want to issue checks to the foundation anymore so we need to use the Foundation paypal account more for donations, etc.

Discussion about available operating grants (these sorts of grants are rare). Cheryl brings two grants up for discussion:

1. Oregon Community Foundation has an operating grant due in January.

Idea 1: Potentially to be used for a feasibility study for the creating of a district for the HC Library. Cost:

~\$30,000-\$40,000. Include proposed tax rate, district boundaries, need a 3-year budget

Idea 2: Hire Outreach coordinator but this is unlikely to be sustainable.

2. Marie Lamfrom Grant Sunflower Grant: \$2500-\$10,000. Same use (though less money).

Board supports pursuing the Oregon Community Foundation Grant to hire someone to do a feasibility study.

Melinda Christensen heading Library Advocate Group. Will meet at The Foundry on February 4 at 6:00 pm.

-Agenda to include how to organize the advocacy group to disseminate accurate information about the library, its budget, and how it serves the greater community.