

## Harney County Library Foundation Board Minutes

Wednesday 6/26/24

### **Attendance:**

Cheryl Hancock: Library Director  
Fred Flippance  
Mike Laiosa  
Myndi Hemphill  
Jeanne Seeley  
Doug Furr  
Mike Creighton  
Helen Patton  
Mona Revak

### **Financial:**

#### Deposits

117.65	Donations
3.00	Discs
36.00	Summer Reading Program Shirts
250.00	HDH Native Innovations
2,000.00	Dollar General Grant (Under the Sea Program)
1,000.00	Roundhouse Gift
400.00	Lion's Books

#### Bills:

430.00	Journey Under the Sea (Dollar General Grant)
8,190.99	Matter Hackers (Maker Space Grant)
65,000	Harney County via endowment
5,236.16	Oral History (to County)
21,816.81	Harney County (via Vogel Fund)

### **Business Matters:**

Discussion about by-laws re: Helen Hardwick's time on the board has expired, and she is incapacitated. She will not be re-appointed.

Discussion about how much the foundation actually contributes to the library, and the county.

- County budget does not consider all contributions over \$65,000
- Last year we contributed to county fuel costs
- Out of Luce Fund we have given county \$1,161,859.00 since 2007

Discussion of history of library money through county to Oregon Community Foundation.

Discussion about Harney County budget committee and how it may be they are not adhering to ORS code for their actions. They are supposed to recommend approval of the fiscal budget, not line item things. They are holding quarterly meetings to micro manage the budget but this may be outside of their authority.

Discussion about Harney County's budget and their push to change the library's funding.

- ORS 357.632: Two public hearings need to happen 90 days apart before defunding a library.
- Library has already given .5 position
- First hearing is scheduled for August 7
- Bill Hart announced today the County will add the new position (in HR) in January. He has found funding somewhere in the General Fund.

Special meeting with various friends of the library to discuss response to county's defunding effort 7/2/24.

Fred spoke to Bill to discuss what we can do versus what we want to do about his defunding efforts.

- We have \$113,000 available to disperse
- We can give \$85,000 but that stays in the library

Discussion about funding options:

- Library levy moving to a special district

Discussion about how to respond to efforts to de-fund the library

- Begin gathering signatures of registered voters
- Fliers
- Letter writing campaign

-Facebook posts