

Friends of the OES Libraries

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2017

Platt Global Classroom

In attendance: Rebecca Thompson (FOESL co-chair), Carol Bull (FOESL co-chair), Julie Solomon (FOESL Treasurer), Kristen Crowell (& Myla), Gisela Walitzki, Erika Jelinek (US Librarian)

Minutes submitted by: Rebecca Thompson

Treasurer's report/finances:

- Julie reports \$0 balance. Confirmed with business office.
- This school year, we've contributed \$5K to author visits, supported summer reading, and completed memorial collection for Bev Shue.
- Julie will transfer financial records to business office for storage or shredding, at their discretion. All present are in agreement. If she finds any notes about the logistics of prior events (versus financial documents) that may be helpful for future events, she'll pass those along for scanning.

GOBS updates:

- GOBS is scheduled to be held during the week of April 9th, to coincide with National Library Week
- FOESL does not need any budget for this free event (no snacks this year)
- MS location planned and confirmed
- Aim to encourage more participation from MS and US than prior recent years
- Planning to get signup.com set up to facilitate volunteer tracking
- Noted that tracking parent involvement can support outside agencies matching/donating
- Carol will set up signup.com page
- Categories needed:
 - Curbside book drops: Mon AM, Mon PM (two locations--front for 2nd-5th and back for K-1st), Tues AM
 - Book organizing: Tues AM, Tues PM
 - Helping kids find treasures: starting Wed 7:30 AM, shifts for AM/PM Wed and for AM Thurs
 - Boxing books and transporting: Thurs AM
 - *Note that we want to convey message to people that it's helpful for them to sign up, and we do need a commitment of a minimum number of people esp for curbside collection timeslots, but we also welcome people showing up on flexible timelines and coming and going as they're able, even if they can't commit to a specific block as it falls on signup.com layout.*
- Will hope to borrow hand trucks from school store, Elizabeth Hutchins, and Kristen Crowell
- Will reach out to Green Team and other US students needing service hours to see if they're interested in volunteering
 - Becca will email Jennifer Nguyen Lee (now senior who contacted her last year about Green Team participation) as we get closer to event
- Julie will check on interest from West Slope in receiving donations of extra books

- Children's books will primarily go to Children's Book Bank again
- Becca will check on Multnomah County Library system interest in receiving any books
- Others can be distributed to local small free neighborhood libraries
- Likely that Becca, Kristen, and Julie can transport books after event; may need one other person for additional location, TBA

Lou Fernandez Literary Festival updates:

- No updates
- Erika will bring discussion to librarians' meetings to see if author visits may be a use of funds that would meet the vision for LFLF and its endowment, and the librarians may consider approaching Linda and the board if indicated
 - Especially relevant idea now that FOESL anticipates having no budget. Question is whether LF committee would be interested in supporting events in any/all divisions rather than focused solely on US, and whether it would be OK to spread funds over the year rather than concentrating on specific and circumscribed event

Upcoming Meeting Dates (all planned for Platt Global Classroom, Tuesdays @ 8:10 am):

February 20, March 20, April 3, May 15