

## Minutes BWNW Board March 10, 2016

**Present:** Jim Anderson, Ann Cole, Martin Jones, Anne Millhollen, Anne O'Brien, Dave O'Brien

**Call to order** by Ann Cole.

**Minutes of** February, 2016 board meeting read and approved. Motion by Martin with second by Jim.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave. Current total \$1349.86 February spent \$149 paid to Atkin Law. One check written by BWNW still outstanding.

**Inspiration:** Anne read a poem for inspiration: Clearing by Marth Postlewait . The message being don't try to save the whole world. This led to the announcement to follow:

**Executive Director report:** Anne M, our executive director announced her resignation to get some balance in her life. . Formal resignation has been received by our chair, Ann C who sent email to Mike and Annette asking if they'd be interested in putting out our newsletter. ( no response as yet.) Anne M would continue updating the website. Anne o will try to do this. Anne's resignation was compared to Bob Welch's decision after many years of running writer's workshop at Yachats, to end that. Anne M has put in ten years of hard work for BW and BWNW.. She's participated with NWEI and with International Peace Day committee.

Anne spent a lot of time at the old office downtown, in our cold, dark office.

She's show a lot of fortitude: Her works include the library project,, birthing and nourishing the UO BW group, International Day of Peace, etc, etc, etc.

Need a BW UO sponsor now. Discussed new person. Timing is everything. Ann and Anne m will talk to someone they've thought of. She also chose some wonderful books for the Book Group.

We celebrated Anne and thanked her for ten years of hard and good work.

**Continue Newsletter?**Need the deadline of a newsletter to keep us inspired. Only 22 of 1600 opened the newsletter but that can still be a good number.

**Follow up on people who contacted us after last newsletter.** Ann talked to Jim Fritz Christian peace maker who has been in town.

Ann in contact with Pat from Lake Oswego who is another person who voiced an interest via newsletter.

We will try to follow up with gentleman from Coos Bay who wrote a letter to RG editor with BW principles.

**Martin and Dave: Lions club.** We have Martin's talk in print and. Dave's is in head. Dave and Martin reported on the event. Dave told of his own personal experience as a way to lead into Martin's talk. Martin told his history and why he's dong this and then Dave talked

about why war is obsolete. Martin talked of not needing to resort to fight or flight. We are one also presented. ..options not as well developed. No time for Q&A. Need to get it down to 18 mins and leave time. People did come up after . including a man who flies vets to memorials back east. He was polite and asked a legitimate question. Martin tried to use principles from book about Ted Talks: speak as though having a onversation with someone.

**Rotary Peace group: Jim A** Barry Nobel talked re fight or flight was necessary when facing saber toothed tiger. He described the “blame game as a national part time. He uses the term “conflict mediation” rather than “conflict resolution.” Also talked about the importance of dialogue. Look for conflicts in your community and try to resolve them.

**Vision:** Martin thinks the talk is almost ready to go on the road . Martin will email and let us comment..We are one options need more.

**Brochure:** Discussed need to revise our current brochure. Anne M has an electronic version of one flyer. .

Adjourned to begin Outreach meeting.  
Recorder: Anne O'Brien