

**Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**
Public Meeting (via Zoom)
June 16, 2020

Present: Cindy Alred, Kristie Kirkpatrick, Steve Balzarini, Bob Bates, Heather Lustig, Suzanne Schmick, Shirley Cornelius, Sheri Miller, Joy Neal, administrative consultant and Kylie Fulmer, public guest.

Vice-Chair Heather Lustig called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

There was one addition to the agenda in regards to calling an executive session to discuss a personnel issue at the end of the regular meeting.

New Business:

Kristie updated the board on the current status of library services during COVID-19. Even though Whitman County has been approved for stage 3 opening, public libraries are still awaiting guidance from the governor's office before opening doors to the public. In the meantime, the library has begun offering curbside pickup at all of its locations. Sheri Miller has been working on ideas for online programming for summer reading.

The library has received two Innovia grants awards. One is a collaborative effort with other rural libraries to receive funds to buy personal protective supplies to protect staff and the public against Coronavirus. WCL's share of grant funds has not yet been announced. The other grant is a \$10,000 project called "For the Health of It." WCL will collaborate with community partners on that grant aimed at meeting emergent community needs as a result of Coronavirus.

In the next day or two, we should hear if we receive funds from Avista to purchase laptops to be used by the public. WCL has also applied for three grants from IMLS; five WI-Fi mobile hot spots for patron checkout; more PPE equipment; and, an outreach grant to supply books/STEM activities to youth across the county.

Continuing Business:

There was no continuing business.

Monthly Business:

Minutes from both May 2020 meetings were reviewed and approved by a vote of the board.

Financial reports including the June payroll and accounts payable vouchers of \$80,079.33 were presented to the Board. There was no additional discussion and Resolutions #2020-13 and #2020-14 was approved by a vote of the board.

Kristie gave a short overview of library usage which included ebook checkouts being up over 80% from this time last year. Even though program attendance is down 50% from last year, the numbers are strong considering all library buildings are closed.

Board chair, Steve Balzarini called for Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 4:20 PM, estimated to take about an hour. Shirley and Kylie excused themselves from the Zoom meeting.

The Board returned to regular session at 5:15 PM

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20 at 4:00 PM either at the Colfax library or via Zoom. More information will follow.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

Steve Balzarini, Chair

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