

**Whitman County Library**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Whitman County Library, Colfax  
August 20, 2019

**Present:** Heather Lustig, Kristie Kirkpatrick, Steve Balzarini, Suzanne Schmick, Bob Bates, Cindy Alred, Shirley Cornelius.

Chair Suzanne Schmick called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**New Business:**

The August Library Supporter of the Month is Trinity Lutheran Church in Endicott. The church frequently partners with the Endicott branch by providing space for library and other community events. September Supporters of the Month will be volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who over the last year and a half put in an average of 8 hours a week volunteering at the library.

For the second year in a row, the library received a \$7,000 donation from The Palouse Wind Farm and owner Novatus Energy to benefit the Oakesdale and Rosalia branches. The money will be divided between the two branches with Rosalia expanding their business hours by 2 hours a week. In Oakesdale we are exploring a handicap accessible entrance or expanded programming at the school.

**Continuing Business:**

The city council from Albion has formed a committee to explore the idea of applying for a renovation grant and the towns of Tekoa and Oakesdale continue to be interested in applying also.

**Monthly Business:**

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of the board.

Financial reports including the July payroll and accounts payable vouchers of \$136,061.39 were presented to the Board. There was no additional discussion and Resolutions #2019-18 and #2019-19 were approved by a vote of the board.

Kristie gave an abbreviated report of library usage for July asking the Board to look over the reports at their leisure. Circulation is stable with July setting a record for the highest digital checkouts in library history. Program attendance is also way up and good numbers were posted in Tekoa, Oakesdale, Uniontown, and Palouse.

The library received another grant for Rural Heritage for the coming year from the Washington State Library. The project began in 2009 and has been largely grant funded.

The Board went into executive session to discuss an employee matter at 4:40 PM stating it would conclude at 5:30 p.m. The Board exited executive session at 5:30 to announce the session would continue until 6 p.m. with discussion of the same matter. The executive session ended at 6 p.m. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**Upcoming Board Meetings and trainings:**

The next board meeting will be on Monday, September 30, at the Colfax Library.

Other meetings scheduled are for October 15, Colfax 4:00 PM and on November 19 in Colfax at 4:00 PM.

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Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

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Suzanne Schmick, Board Chair

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