

Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Churchyard Inn, Uniontown
July 16, 2018

Present: Heather Lustig, Andrea Miller, Bob Bates, Kristie Kirkpatrick, Steve Balzarini, Catalina Flores, Holly Meyer, Suzanne Schmick, and Shirley Cornelius.

Chairwoman Andrea Miller called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

New Business:

Catalina Flores, WCL's circulation manager was introduced and spoke about the new "Library of Things". This is a category of items outside of traditional library materials that will be available for patrons to check out. Items include a fishing backpack, birding backpack, technology items, screens, table clothes, ukuleles, and more. WCL expects this eclectic collection to expand over time.

June Library Supporter of the Month is Dyan Broemmeling of Colton. The Friends of the Library traveled to Colton in May and presented Dyan the award and Kristie will travel to Garfield to present the July award to Sonja Hall of the Inconvenience Store.

A motion was made and approved to change the board meeting dates to the 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning on September 18.

Summer Reading is going well and several branches are wrapping up their programs this week. Kristie shared a list of all the summer reading sponsors with the board. The list has continued to grow this year and a 5th column of supporters were added to the certificate this year.

The library received a \$10,000 Jumpstart grant from the Innovia Foundation to provide donor software and fundraising consultation from The Network for Good for one year. Kristie and Shirley will be extra busy trying to make the transition a success in the hopes the added improvements will fund the ongoing cost of the software.

Continuing Business:

Although Kristie is still working through the election invoice, the Library will probably be paying the bill in its entirety before it is due on July 1. Even though the amount is considerably higher than previous elections, the cost per ballot is in line with what a few other libraries in the state have paid.

Monthly Business:

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

April financial reports including the April payroll and accounts payable vouchers of \$82,545.63 and the MasterCard transactions were presented. There was no additional discussion and Resolution #2018-9 was approved by a vote of the board.

April traditional circulation was stronger in a number of branches, especially Colton, Garfield, LaCrosse, Palouse and St. John. While countywide circulation took a small dip, it actually increased when adding in the checkout of eBooks and audio books. Program attendance grew by 216 attendees with big increases being posted by teens and adults. Volunteer hours doubled to 245 thanks to a volunteer from the jail working about 5 hours each day in Colfax.

Upcoming events are best viewed at the website at www.whitco.lib.wa.us including Summer Reading from June 1 through August 31. This year besides the youth and adult sections there is again a category for staff and board members who are encouraged to participate!

Upcoming Board Meetings and trainings:

There will be no board meeting in August and meetings will resume in September either on the 17th or 18th at 4:00 PM at the library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

Andrea Miller, Board Chair