

Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Whitman County Library, Lacrosse
July 16, 2019

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

Chair Suzanne Schmick called the meeting to order at 4:51 p.m.

New Business:

Kristie presented to the board an overview of the Lacrosse branch of Whitman County Library including hours, history, supporters, and programs. Tammy Schwartz, manager of the Lacrosse branch was introduced and she gave a short description of her summer reading programs.

The Lacrosse library will soon have fiber internet at its location. Pioneer Telephone (July's Supporter of the Month) is in the process of connecting the fiber while the library is installing equipment that allows us better limit where the Wi-Fi is broadcast.

Continuing Business:

Kristie met with the Albion Town Council on Tuesday, July 9, to discuss the possibility of pursuing state funding to improve their library facility. The Council appointed a committee to explore the opportunity. In conjunction with that, Kristie is meeting there with an architect next week to explore possibilities. The town of Tekoa and also Oakesdale have expressed interest in pursuing these funds as well. All communities were notified by WCL of the funding.

Monthly Business:

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

Financial reports including the June payroll and accounts payable vouchers of \$90,219.78 were presented to the Board. There was no additional discussion and Resolutions #2019-17 and #2019-16 were approved by a vote of the board.

Kristie gave an abbreviated report of library usage for June asking the Board to look over the reports at their leisure. She did congratulate Marcy Campbell of Rosalia for extremely high program attendance and circulation of materials.

Kristie focused upon the activity report which uses several criteria to calculate the activity level within each branch. She congratulated Malden, LaCrosse, Endicott and Rosalia who were quite busy along with Colfax, whose numbers aren't included in the comparison mix. Of interest were also the locations with very low activity levels.

Upcoming Board Meetings and trainings:

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20, at the Colfax Library

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM with the Board proceeding to tour the Ice Age Flood Exhibit in the Rock Bunk House along with a 30 minute accompanying video A Remarkable People and a Remarkable Land, and concluding with dinner in the LaCrosse Café.

Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

Suzanne Schmick, Board Chair