

Friends of the Whitman County Library Meeting notes September 8, 2020

In attendance: Kylie Fullmer, Sue Hallett, Jil Mohr – zoom, Polly Anderson, Cheryl Jones, Shirley Cornelius, Joyce Leonard, Nichole Kopp, Sheri Miller, Kathy Buchholtz, Kristie Kirkpatrick, Sarah Phelan-Blamires, Debi Hergert

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Hallett at 11 am. The FOL meetings plan to be held in person from now forward. Kristie introduced and welcomed our new director Kylie Fulmer to the group.

Sue expressed how grateful we are to the Firefighters and first responders to the local fires and the terrible loss to the Malden community. Kristie shared that Vanessa, our Malden branch manager, lost her home in the fire and we are looking at ways to support her and the community. Rosalia library is extending their hours to include the Malden open times.

Kristie then expressed her sincere thanks to the Friends of the Library for their support in her 33 years working in the libraries.

Nichole explained how the reopening in the branches is working well. The supporter of the month for September is Anna Clayton of Rosalia. Anna shows outstanding dedication and support of the Rosalia Library. Anna is a lover of the library who is always willing to lend a hand, bake cupcakes, or donate fun items to make youth programming special. The teen summer reading numbers were down a bit due to the closure and the winners will be drawn at the upcoming branch zoom meeting.

Sheri noted that presenting to the local school classes resulted in greater success for the summer reading program. It is Library card sign up month and Sheri requested the Friends to support purchase of two \$25 gift certificates. Polly moved the Friends support this purchase and Joyce seconded the motion. It was passed.

Kathy B. updated the group on the Whitman County Heritage activities. Another grant has been received which is over \$6,000. The grant covers staff hours, new bookmarks, new flyers and framed canvas prints. The Rosalia school is looking through their school vault for valuable additions. The Robert Osborne collection continues to develop. Numerous pictures from a Pine City family member were received and research on those items is underway.

Upcoming events include a blood drive, Trivia night on Facebook Live, and the book club which will begin meeting in person again. The summer reading winners were drawn from the entries from the branches and the staff members.

The previous minutes from July were read and approved. Shirley presented the treasurer's report which included memorials for Margaret Hilty, Helen Jane Hughes, Jeannie Joost, Don Maier, Steve Ulrich, Joe Reynolds, Durand Cox and Ray Olsen.

Kristie shared there is an increase in the cost of the Gazette posting of our supporter of the month and suggested we continue to have them printed.

Sue telephoned the Friends Board members to ask if they would approve the cost of a dedication picture of Kristie for the library. All were in agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Debi Hergert

