

Friends of the Whitman County Library

Meeting notes – November 3, 2020

In attendance: Cheryl Jones, Polly Anderson, Sue Hallett, Joyce Leonard, Debi Hergert, (via ZOOM: Kylie Fullmer, Sheri Miller, Nichole Kopp, Dana Hogan, Shirley Cornelius)

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Hallett at 11 am.

The October minutes were read. Cheryl made a motion to accept them as read, the motion was seconded and passed. A list of individuals and libraries sending notes and donations was shared showing the far reaching support for the Malden library fire.

Shirley shared the financial report which included memorials, Malden donations and the Libey and Acorn fund totals.

Sue explained the cancelling of the 2020 April, May and July FOL meetings due to COVID-19. She noted that we do not meet in the month of August.

Sue suggested sending cards of recognition to Kristie Kirkpatrick until we are able to honor her and her career in a more formal setting. Javad and Sue have updated the FOL page on the new WCL website. Please take a look at the page and any suggestions are welcome for revision. Sue mentioned that to be legally a “friend” you would need to have paid dues. Others are labeled as “supporters”.

There are 11 signed up to decorate trees in the Center this year. The tree voting will occur but not the open celebration we have had in the past. The 3-D printer is going to produce ornaments for the Friends tree. Cheryl made a motion to continue the holiday gift cards for the staff and Polly seconded the motion. It passed.

The OA branch will be extending their hours thanks to the Palouse Wind Farm grant. MA branch will have a pop up library available for their patrons each Friday. The Cares Act grant will provide new technology and greatly improved internet service to all branches.

For the upcoming year of 2021 the current officers are willing to continue serving but if interested in an office, please let Sue know.

Sue spoke to the rewarding feeling writing thank you notes has and asked for the Friends to consider helping out with these. She also mentioned that one day hopefully we can have more field trips to our branches and communities. The winter luncheon is being looked into as what could possible work considering COVID-19 restrictions.

Marilyn Burg of the Uniontown Library is recognized as the Supporter of the Month for her outstanding support and generous donations toward library programming.

The WCL staff was commended on their dealings with the pandemic. The adjustments made to promote the library and finding ways to serve our patrons has been appreciated by many.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted, Debi Hergert

