

Friends of the Whitman County Library Zoom Meeting notes – January 12, 2021

In attendance: Jil Mohr, Cheryl Jones, Kylie Fulmer, Shirley Cornelius, Suzy McNeilly, Dana Hogan, Nichole Kopp, Sheri Miller, Sue Hallett, Debi Hergert

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by President Sue Hallett via speaker phone in Kylie's office. Each attendee identified themselves. Sue shared that Kristie Kirkpatrick volunteered to help her with the National Registry Project. Polly was absent due to volunteering for the hospital auxiliary.

The minutes from November were read and it was noted that the Festival of Tree decoration activities had been cancelled in December. There was a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jil Mohr and it passed. A thank you note from the TE branch manager Shelley, was shared thanking the Friends for the Rosauers gift card and goodie bag given to each staff member. All staff greatly appreciated the gifts.

Shirley shared the financial report which included additional Malden contributions, Edward Jones growth, Grant money, Barn calendars income and a generous donation from the Steiger family.

Old business: Sue explained that the minutes for all the past FOL meetings are currently being organized into a binder.

New business: Jil made a motion to continue with the current officers for FOL which are as follows: Sue Hallett-President, Polly Anderson-Vice President, Joyce Leonard-Secretary and Shirley Cornelius-Treasurer. The motion passed. The yearly FOL newsletter will be assembled by volunteers and sent out to the members in the next two weeks.

Kylie requested \$150 for a staff Galentine's virtual craft night. Suzy suggested doubling the amount in order to add a snack and drink. Jil made the motion which was seconded by Suzy and the motion passed to provide \$300.00 for the activity.

Supporter of the Month for November was **Cossette Hauck** who was recognized for her outstanding support of Albion programming. Cossette's willingness to promote, attend and assist with library programs helps to make each one successful. The December Supporter of the Month was awarded to Pine Creek Community Long-Term Recovery Group for championing the return of the Malden Library and working on WCL's behalf to secure a new temporary location.

The Malden branch is now open for business. The CARES Grant Funding has allowed us to purchase web cams, hot spots and laptops for all the branches to utilize and check out.

Story packets have been given to the youth and there is an upcoming Pet Show and Tell via Zoom on January 28th. Exercise kits for adults and children will be available soon. Also two mind kits for adults include puzzles, board games and playing cards.

The Pioneer Title Company was awarded The Festival of Trees winner with the Gnome for the Holidays tree.

Suzy shared information about available grants through SEWEDA for which she is working part time. Please contact Suzy for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm Respectfully submitted, Debi Hergert