

Friends of the Whitman County Library – April 6, 2021

In attendance: Sue Hallett, Cheryl Jones, Kylie Fullmer, Suzy McNeilly, Nichole Kopp, , Sarah Phelan-Blamires, Debi Hergert; Zoom: Shirley Cornelius, Sheri Miller, Jack McBride

The meeting was called to order by Sue Hallett at 11:15 a.m. The March minutes were read and approved with the correction of the meeting time from p.m. to a.m. The minutes will be added to the website.

Thank you notes continue to be written and sent by FOL volunteers for memberships and donations.

Shirley screen shared the financial report. Notable items were membership dues, memorials and Summer Reading donations.

New business: Sue updated the group on the application of our building to the National Historic Register. Once the building is listed on the Register, the library will be eligible for certain grants. Sue will submit her work to Kylie for review before submitting this month.

Sheri requested a total of \$2200.00 for “Tails and Tales” summer reading expenses. Cheryl Jones made a motion to fund the project, Suzy McNeilly seconded the motion and the measure passed. The funds will be used for all branches and prizes.

Nichole requested \$500.00 for the Palouse Empire Fair booth and prizes. Susie made the motion, Cheryl seconded it and the motion passed.

Adult Services: The book club will be reading Eden Mine by S. M. Hulse for April. Trivia continues on the third Thursday of each month online.

Bev Pearce was recognized as the March Supporter of the Month for her 10 years as an outstanding Palouse branch manager and advocate for her community.

Branch Update: Sarah Bofenkamp started last month as the new Palouse branch manager. The Arbor Day tree handout was a success in Rosalia and Malden. Programs are picking up at all branches, and the Friends were encouraged to follow branch Facebook pages for more information.

Youth Services: April is the Annual Penny Drive in all branches. Storytime “to go” packets continue to be popular. With funding from a grant from United Way, all branches will provide “Paper Magic Tricks” and a free online course with professional illusionist Jeff Evans, now through May 5.

Upcoming Events: It’s National Library Week and the Friends were encouraged to thank library staff for their hard work. WCL’s online reading program with Beanstack will start with a Spring Challenge later in April and run through to Summer Reading which starts in mid-June. Registration is online and there will be different challenges and activities. The Friends are encouraged to sign up for both reading challenges. Black out poetry is currently on display in The Center and Colfax students will have an art show there later this month. Future Friends’ outings were discussed for when restrictions have lifted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Hergert