

Friends of the Whitman County Library – May 4, 2021 via ZOOM

In attendance: Sue Hallett, Suzy McNeilly, Shirley Cornelius, Sheri Miller, Kylie Fullmer, Jil Mohr, Cheryl Jones, Debi Hergert

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Hallett at 11:00 a.m. The April minutes were read, approved and will be added to the website.

Shirley screen shared the financial report. Our investments had a generous gain and memorials were noted for Bill Temple and Harold Sauer. Miscellaneous sales added to the totals.

New Business: Sue suggested that we amend our By-Laws to indicate that we will hold a minimum of four business meetings per year instead of holding a business meeting every month. There was a short discussion. Jil made a motion to amend as suggested, Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried. Kylie will look into the By-laws and make the necessary changes to the website.

Shirley shared of the downtown association \$1700.00 grant we received. The money is being used to purchase outdoor tables, chairs, umbrellas and a book cart for a gathering area outside the library. Pop-up vendors may be added at some point.

The School's Out Grant of \$10,000 will pay for a variety of library activities including the Beanstack program and engineering kits for checkout.

Kylie shared a United Way grant received in the amount of \$3360.00 which will be used to purchase portable filters for our offices to improve air flow. Also an Innovia grant of \$7500.00 will purchase materials for STEM activity grab bags this summer and educational materials for outreach school programs in the fall. A \$40,000 grant from the .09 funds will be used to continue the Lacrosse Community Pride Rock House project.

Adult services: Flyers are available each month outlining the programs available at the various branches. Adults are encouraged to sign up for the online Beanstack Spring and Summer reading programs.

Supporter of the Month: The April Supporter of the Month is Plants of the Wild for supporting our Malden, Rosalia & Tekoa libraries through Arbor Day programs and seed giveaways for our local communities.

Branch update: The Oakesdale branch entryway project is moving forward including a new sidewalk and flipping the front door. Sue noted the Oakesdale library is listed on the National Historic registry from its days as a bank.

Youth services: Star Wars and Storytime to go bags are available to each branch. Garfield is hosting a fun "How to Draw Cute Animals" to go bags available in May. You-tube highlighted a Colfax mother and her daughters enjoying a WCL story time to go bag at a local park.

Upcoming events: Black Out Poetry has been displayed in the Center along with the PTO Art Show. Members are encouraged to stop in and check out the student art. The Colfax Arts Council will work with the library to host a Photo Contest this fall with Kylie and Jil heading up the event.

Sue suggested the FOL group attending an outdoor program at a branch in the future when such programs can resume. Kylie also suggested the members join in by Zoom for a book club or trivia night.

Another possibility is gathering outside the library when the tables and umbrellas are set up with a sack lunch or at Schmuck Park to visit and enjoy getting together.

The next meeting will be held in September on a different Tuesday since the first Tuesday falls the day after Labor Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Hergert