

Whitman County Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Colfax Branch
December 15, 2014

Present: Bob Bates, Chuck Petras, Becky Dickerson, Steve Balzarini, Kristie Kirkpatrick and Peggy Bryan.

Board chair Bob Bates called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He asked if there were any additions or modifications to the agenda; there were none.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Becky Dickerson motioned to approve the November minutes, Steve Balzarini seconded and the motion passed.

Peggy presented the financial reports for November 2014. She presented payment voucher resolution #16-14 totaling \$65,441.90. Becky Dickerson made a motion to approve the resolution; Steve Balzarini seconded and the motion passed.

Kristie reported on the November 2014 library statistics. She noted that overall traditional circulation increased by 600; with large increases in Albion, Colfax, Garfield, LaCrosse, Malden and Rosalia. She noted that adult and teen program attendance is much improved thanks in large parts to branches holding at least one per month. Database, Face Book and digital product usage also increased.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Kristie reviewed the preliminary contract with the City of Colfax. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to approve the contract and will sign when a notary is available. She will be attending the Colfax City Council meeting tonight to discuss the contract and The Center.

Kristie updated the board on the progress with The Center. She reported that work is underway for the opening between the two buildings. She projected that the front of the building should be completed this spring as well. She reviewed the funding for the project, noting a \$15,000 donation to the Foundation from Don Steiger earmarked for the façade. After a discussion, the board approved to allocate funds from the WCL General Fund up to \$15,000 for the façade if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob announced the board will hold an executive session to interview four board candidates at 4:30. At 6:45, the executive session concluded and the board meeting resumed. The Board announced they will recommend that the Whitman County Commissioners appoint Suzanne Schmick and Andrea Miller as library board members.

The Board also bid a fond farewell to Becky Dickerson as she completes her final meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47.

Peggy Bryan, Secretary

Bob Bates, Board Chair