

Whitman County Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Whitman County Library, Colfax
December 9, 2016

Present: Chuck Petras, Steve Balzarini, Andrea Miller, Suzanne Schmick, Shirley Cornelius, and Sheri Miller.

Board chair Steve Balzarini called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Steve asked if there were any additions or modifications to the agenda. There were none.

New Business:

Sheri Miller introduced herself as the Assistant Director of the Library and head of Youth Programming. Sheri has worked for the library for 15 years starting at part-time and then moving on to full time employment. Some of the things that she is responsible include the reading program for the Steptoe School, Play and Learn, Community Blood Drive, Family Friend and Neighbor Services Grant with WSU, baby bags for the hospital, and coordinating volunteers with the WSU Center for Civic Engagement. She helps Nichole Kopp with her field trips including coding camps and Lego Mind Storms. The board thanked about Sheri for her service and she exited the meeting.

Chuck Petras' five year term is expiring at the end of the year. The board presented an appreciation gift to Chuck earlier at the Winter meeting luncheon. The board expressed appreciation to Chuck for his years of service.

There was no other business to discuss.

Monthly Business

There was no new discussion on the November minutes that were distributed earlier. Andrea moved to approve the minutes and Suzanne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Financial reports including the monthly payroll and accounts payable vouchers of \$73,201.19 and the November MasterCard transactions were presented. There was no additional discussion and Andrea moved and Suzanne seconded to approve Resolution #16-21. The motion was approved.

Shirley shared the November statistics. System wide, traditional circulation was stable while digital checkouts continue to rise. Branches checking out markedly more items in November were Malden, Rosalia, Tekoa, and Uniontown. System wide services show strong growth in computer usage and amazing growth in program attendance. Kids programs were up by 200 while teen attendance rose by 250. Adult attendance grew by 500. Volunteer hours increased by 42 last month as well.

Continuing Business:

Friends of WCL won a default judgement against Rattle Snake Breaks Construction when Steve Bravard did not show up for court. Amount due the Friends is \$2,490.94.

Upcoming events include Art among the Trees on Dec. 21st.

There was no other continuing business. The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25 at 4:00 PM.

Check moved and Andrea seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Steve Balzarini at 1:39 PM.

Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

Steve Balzarini, Board Chair