

Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Whitman County Library, Colfax
March 18, 2019

Present: Heather Lustig, Kristie Kirkpatrick, Steve Balzarini, Suzanne Schmick, Bob Bates, and Shirley Cornelius.

Chair Suzanne Schmick called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

New Business:

Cindy Alred, board candidate from Palouse, was interviewed with a short question and answer session by the board from 4:00 to 4:20 PM, for the open position on the board of trustees. A short discussion followed by members of the board on the interview. Joyce Leonard, another board candidate from Johnson, interviewed with the board from 4:30 to 4:50 PM. Again, a short discussion followed the interview.

Virtual Reality is coming to Whitman County Library thanks to a grant from the Washington State Library. The library is participating in round two of the grant brought to us by Oculus, virtual reality equipment maker and the University of Washington. The equipment has been set up and the staff has been trained on the equipment. The library will be running a schedule every Wednesday for those who would like to try one of the many apps offered by the program. Eventually the equipment will be brought to the branches. The grant runs through August and we hope to participate in round three of the grant.

Monthly Business:

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of the board.

Financial reports including the February payroll and accounts payable vouchers of \$91,191.82 were presented to the board. There was no additional discussion and Resolutions #2019-4 and #2019-5 were approved by a vote of the board.

Kristie reviewed the usage statistics for February 2019. Colton/Uniontown, Malden, and Oakesdale all showed strong numbers for February. Rosalia and Tekoa also showed circulation improvements. Overall traditional circulation was down for this period compared to last year at this time. The annual Food for Fines was held in February with a strong improvement in donations this year. Over \$489.84 in Fines were paid with food donations to Community Action Center. Computer time continues to be strong with Endicott leading the way with the computers there being used 415 times.

Upcoming events for all locations are best viewed at the website at www.whitco.lib.wa.us including another great program by Richard Scheuerman, Hallowed Harvests, on Thursday, March 28, Open House for the Mango and A to Z travel database on April 4, and Active Living for Seniors starting on Tuesday, March 26.

Upcoming Board Meetings and trainings:

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16 at the Colfax Library. The May 21 meeting will be held at the Palouse branch.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

Suzanne Schmick, Board Chair