

Whitman County Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Colfax Library
November 16, 2015

Present: Bob Bates, Chuck Petras, Steve Balzarini, Andrea Miller, Suzanne Schmick, Kristie Kirkpatrick and Peggy Bryan.

Board chair Chuck Petras called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chuck asked if there were any additions or modifications to the agenda, there were none.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Bob Bates motioned to approve the September minutes, Steve Balzarini seconded and the motion passed.

Peggy presented the financial reports for October 2015. She presented payment voucher resolution #2015-16 totaling \$83,682.37. Steve Balzarini made a motion to approve the resolution; Andrea Miller seconded and the motion passed.

Kristie presented the library usage reports for August and September. She reported that traditional usage dropped 9%, while attendance at kids programs increased by 100 system-wide. She noted that circulation in Albion and Rosalia big increases in August. Albion and LaCrosse circulation in September also saw big circulation increases.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Kristie reported on the progress at the Uniontown Library. Construction is in full swing and she shared photos from Leslee Miller, local project coordinator and former board member. The board signed a letter of appreciation to Leslee Miller for her efforts on this project and in support of her community.

Kristie reported that the Soiree for The Center proceeds were over \$50,000 for the WCL Foundation, which was amazing! The proceeds are earmarked for The Center renovation. She continues to seek grants and other funding opportunities for this project.

Kristie discussed the WCL long range plan. She shared an updated version for board members to review. She noted that the mission now includes the word "education" and the service roles were expanded to include technology, programs and community development. It will be discussed and reviewed at the December board meeting. Chuck recommended that information be placed in the Gazette informing the community; everyone agreed and Kristie will handle the task.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peggy reviewed the 2016 Budget. After a brief discussion, Andrea Miller motioned to accept Resolution #2015-17 for the 2016 Budget; Steve Balzarini seconded and the motion carried. Kristie discussed upcoming retirements of Clancy Pool at the end of this year and Peggy Bryan at the end of May in 2016 and the impact on the personnel portion of the budget.

Kristie discussed Bob Bates completion of his first term of office on the WCL board. He agreed to continue and everyone expressed appreciation for the good job he's done on the board. Kristie will write a letter to the Whitman County Commissioners to request Bob's appointment to another term.

Library Supporter of the Month presentations took place at McLeod's Market in Palouse and Éclair's Coffee Shop in Tekoa. Friend's president Sue Hallett led a group of Friends of WCL on a road trip to present the awards along with wooden puzzles for branch library children to use. Upcoming Supporters of the Month will be Your Pullman Radio Stations and Jon Kehne.

There was no policy update this month.

Kristie shared the library ad that will appear in the Who's Who in the Gazette soon. The ad features a photo of the WCL board members. She announced that the 2016 Barn Calendars are here, featuring historic barns in Whitman County. She expressed her appreciation to Steve Van Vleet for producing the calendar again as he has in the past. He also paid half of the costs to print the calendars.

Kristie reported that Anthony Doerr Luncheon was amazing! 95 people attended his presentation and book signing of the book "All the Light You Cannot See."

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. The next meeting will follow the Winter Luncheon on December 11, approximately at 2:15. Kristie will email possible dates for January & February board meetings to everyone as holidays and Kristie's vacation are affecting the normally scheduled days. She asked everyone to respond as quickly as possible.

Peggy Bryan, Secretary

Chuck Petras, Board Chair