

Friends of the Whitman County Library – Meeting Notes June 5, 2018

In attendance: Shirley Corneilus, Peggy Kehne, Cheryl Jones, Mary Ann Mitchell, Gail Webster, Kristie Kirkpatrick, Nichole Kopp, Sue Hallett, Mikki Tague, Laurie Gronning, Dana Hogan, Sheri Miller, Kathy Buchholtz

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Hallett at 11:00 a.m.

The May minutes were read and approved as read.

Correspondence to Friends: Thank you from Andrea Miller and family for flowers sent to George Miller's memorial and our support. Thank you from local seniors for senior programs and support from WCL. Also shared was President Sue Hallett's June 2 Daily News article, Giving Back to the Library.

Financial Report: Shirley presented the treasurer's report mentioning the Ken Carper cards for sale in the library, explaining the photographer refills the inventory and that a portion of the sale goes to the library. She pointed out the cards make great gifts.

Shirley also explained each of the designated funding area within the Friends' financial report. This included discussion on the election cost which will be paid in July. Kristie had additional information regarding research costs involved with the election.

Old Business:

The road trip to the Albion branch, the Serenity House and the Colton and Uniontown branches were considered very successful. The Serenity House sent chocolates, cashews and new materials on grief, death and dying to WCL. Members discussed how positive and informative the visit was. Photos were passed around the table. Kristie thanked the Friends for participating in the tour which supports us in thanking great groups like Hospice. Sue read an email sent by Annie Pillars. Annie said we were "kindred spirits in community connections".

Supporter of the month, Diane Broemmeling received recognition in Colton. June supporter of the month will be Sonya Hall of Garfield of the IN-convenience Store.

New Business:

There will be a field trip to Whitman County Gazette on Thursday, June 28th. FOL members will meet at the Gazette office at 2:00 p.m.

Sue spoke about WCL's annual staff day program which she attended on May 11th. The presentation was by everylibrary.org who work with advocacy in the public sphere. Sue shared a brief summary of the class speaking about the challenge involved when we reach out to our communities for their support and vote.

Summer Reading update was shared by Sheri. Kristie read the impressive list of grand prize donors for the program. She also encouraged everyone to participate and passed out adult SR forms. The child, teen and adult programs were explained.

Youth services director, Sheri Miller said Eric Herman's "Bully, Schmully" presentations were a huge success. He managed to reach 10 communities at 9 locations in 4 days! Branch managers attended their locations and we able to share Summer Reading information to those groups.

Nichole spoke about Wired Wednesdays. This program will be an hour long, Wednesday morning tech time for children and run about 6 weeks. James Morasch and Nichole will monitor the group.

Nona Hengen's exhibit runs through June. Nona is an artist, author and teacher out of Spangle, Washington. Kristie commented that Nona's display of the Indian Wars of 1858 includes wonderful research. There are two rotating videos playing at the exhibit. In a closely related event, Richard Schueurman will be speaking on Tribal Battles of 1858 at the library on June 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Kristie shared upcoming events and the WCL events calendar highlighting Tech Tuesdays, our PG movie day, Trivia Night and more.

Mikki Tague was recognized for her and her husband John's valuable support of the library over the years. A photograph of the couple has been framed and now hangs in the library to honor that dedication.

Members who had time were asked to volunteer folding flyers after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Buchholtz (filling in for Debi Hergert)