

Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library
May 21, 2024

Present: Sue Kreikemeier, Cindy Alred, Heather Lustig, Ronda Penwell, Suzanne Schmick, Shirley Cornelius, Sheri Miller, and Cody Allen

Sue Kreikemeier called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the April meeting and Resolutions 24-10 and 24-11 were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

April financial documents were presented to the board and a brief explanation about them was given.

In the director's report, the Spring Tea was held on May 11. Eight tables were sold and everything functioned well. The Friends think they cleared about \$1,100. Cody went to the .09 presentation at a county commissioners for current .09 tax funding. There were four projects that presented their projects with \$100,000 in funding available. The library received about \$2,200 for finishing off the gutters at the new Rosalia Library. Annual staff training was on May 10. Summer Reading runs from 6/1 to 8/23. There will be no signups but there will be a punch card for either books read or pages read. For every punch card completed, the reader will receive a Lego brick that will help build a Lego tower in each library. The entries for the Disconnect/Reconnect Art Project for mental health month put on by the Health Department are all in and will be displayed in the Library from mid-July through August. New state laws for open carry of guns goes into effect soon. We are not sure how this will affect the library yet. Cody is trying to go to more staff development opportunities. He just completed a class with Enduris on employee performance evaluations and is also hoping to meet up with nearby directors to exchange ideas. Cody hopes to redo position descriptions by fall. Thrifty Grandmothers just gave the library \$1,500 for summer reading and will donate some more funds later on for some STEM projects. We also got a \$5,000 grant from Innovia which will be for community projects and another Ozobot kit.

Continuing Business

In branch news, Shelly from Tekoa has been working with the school to get laptops out to the students in the school district. The town of Malden broke ground on the new community building. At Rosalia, the Port of Whitman County and First Step Internet are looking at moving fiber for the new building. The library will move in after summer reading is over with. Endicott is fundraising for the hot air balloon rides on July 4.

In Library usage, the Rosalia branch is consistently in the top two or three branches in circulation showing how busy the branch is. Library activity is going up over time. Electronic and social media outreach is down from last year but at this time last year, we were busy advertising for the digital grant. Adult program attendance is up.

Gary Young, president of the Colfax Chamber of the Commerce, was given a proposed Memo of Understanding to review with the chamber board.

New Business

The director presented to the board the recent Crisis Communication Plan and Website Usability Study completed by WSU students to read and discuss at a future meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM by chair Sue Kreikemeier.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, at 4:00 PM at the Colfax branch of the Whitman County Library.



Shirley Cornelius



Sue Kreiemeier, Chair