

**Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library
September 17, 2024

Present: Cindy Alred, Ronda Penwell, Heather Lustig, Suzanne Schmick, Sue Kreikemeier, Shirley Cornelius, Sheri Miller, Cody Allen, and guest Vicki Griner. Staff members in attendance included Nichole Kopp, Hollyanna Hahn, and Cydney Selk.

Sue called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

There were two modifications to the agenda, the addition of an executive session, and the Resolution 24-20, Authorized Agents of the Library.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the August meeting and Resolutions 24-18 and 24-19 were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

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

In the director's report, the digital equity grant partnership has fallen through at the moment and we will miss this round of funding. The members of the consortium will meet again in December to revisit the process. The Fair Booth had over 1,500 people visit it this year. The Colfax Downtown Association is having a Fall Fest on October 12 but the library has elected not to participate. The Friends of the Library are having a book sale on 9/21 from 10 to 2 in front of the library. The Friends also will have a Spooktacular fundraising event on 10/26 at the library. Events include a book reading, costume contest, and pumpkin carving.

Continuing Business

In branch news, the Rosalia remodel project has been tentatively approved to go to the governor for funding approval. If it is approved in the next year, the funds will go to redo the roof, make ADA compliant restrooms, redo the floors, and install a kitchenette. Sarah Anderson has left the Garfield library for a position elsewhere. Sydney Hatch has been hired for the Tekoa branch manager position. She will only be able to work two days a week for now and we hope to keep the library open the third day with a sub. Our Endicott branch has been having sporadic custodial issues and Cody has reached out to the town to find a solution to the problem.

In library usage, August program attendance was down, Whitman Heritage had a big jump in usage. Heritage Quest and Mango database usage were also up.

The Chamber has moved some furniture into the small room of the Center but have not been staffing it regularly. Artists are scheduled to be in the small room until November. The updated agreement has not been signed yet.

New Business

The director has resigned his position and will be done by the end of October. A committee from the board will be meeting with the full time staff on Wednesdays to help the board develop a plan moving forward.

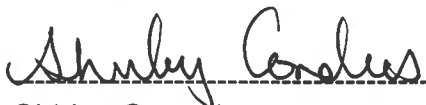
Resolution 2024-20, Authorized Agent for the Library, was discussed and approved by a vote of the board. The Resolution adds Sue Kreikemeier and Cindy Alred to be agents of the board along with Shirley Cornelius. The board voted and approved to remove Cody Allen and Sheri Miller as signers of the P1FCU accounts and added Sue Kreikemeier and Cindy Alred along with Shirley Cornelius as signers on the accounts.

Adjourn

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM by Chair Sue Kreikemeier. The Board went into executive session at 5:10 PM to discuss a personnel issue and adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, at 4:00 PM at the Colfax branch of the Whitman County Library.



Shirley Cornelius



Sue Kreikemeier, Chair