

Wasco County Library Service District  
Board meeting  
April 19, 2022  
Location: Maupin, and via Zoom

Board members attending: Corliss Marsh, Mary Beechler, Vicki Thomas, Deward Hext, Tina Coleman

Staff members attending: Jeff Wavrunek, Sarah Tierney, Valerie Stephenson

Meeting was called to order at 4:36pm

Minutes: No changes necessary, Deward Hext moved to approve, seconded by Mary Beechler, passed unanimously

Visitors and interested parties: Tyler Stone

Special visitor: Benjamin Coleman

Director's reports:

**The Dalles** – Recently the library hired for the Page position; she worked two days and gave notice. We've interviewed another person, who looks like a good fit; we now have to wait until City Hall is able to approve the hire (the City Manager has recently retired, and the acting City Manager does not currently have authority for hiring).

We recently purchased a portable laser cutter, called a Laserpecker. It is easy to use, and fits in a small space; it can be used for class visits and other outreach visits. We have ordered another one that can be used for circular objects, such as engraving coffee mugs. We'll continue to use the larger laser cutter that is kept in the Maker Space; but these smaller ones offer more outreach flexibility.

There have been issues with Amazon; mostly due to miscommunication with their shipper. We ordered a large screen TV for the Maker Space. We've been expecting it for two months and it still hasn't been delivered. Amazon kept saying that it was undeliverable, which is hard to believe since we're always open. The problem seems to be resolved.

Staff have been planning hard for Summer Reading. Alan Root, the artist who has donated other art pieces, wants to donate another sculpture. It's patterned after a Japanese "circle" artist. It's very colorful and states "wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all live in harmony." This would be placed outdoors. Director is currently working on two grants, as well as the County budget.

**Maupin** – Has been busy, Valerie’s assistant is back to work, which will mean Saturday hours again. Hours have been revised, last fall the public indicated they wanted later weekday hours, but no one has taken advantage of that. The library has gone to more uniform hours, opening at 10:00 Monday through Saturday, closing at 5:00 Monday through Thursday, and at 4:00 on Friday and Saturday. No evening hours, except for programs.

In-person storytimes returned in April, turnout has been small, but is starting to build. The OBOB team for fourth grade has been coming in for practice. She made them all canvas bags with their team name (*Rapid Readers OBOB*). Valerie found an image depicting four kids on a raft made out of a book, going down a river.

There were 19 people for the Blackout Poetry event. On the 28<sup>th</sup> the community reads event takes place. This Friday is the harp event; there are 18 people registered for the “Hands on Harps” workshop. A lot of interest in the concert portion of the event. The Youth Advisory group is having their first event next week, Zombie Nerf Night. The library was offered a little free library someone had made. Checking out a couple locations for it. For Maupin Days on May 21<sup>st</sup>, we’ll have the Foundation’s book sale, Summer Reading kick-off, and Warm Springs drummers/dancers.

**Dufur** – Just finished NLW, had an under the sea theme. The kids read over 52,000 minutes in just a week. Had a seed swap in April, and will have another one just after Mother’s Day. The teens are slowly starting to come back after COVID. Have started to make plans for the Teen Takeover again this summer. The Oculus are starting to become more popular. The knitters have been really hit or miss because of COVID, will start advertising to them now that spring break is over. Dufur has also been offered a little free library by someone. Working on Summer Reading plans. But events will be on Wednesdays at 11:00, as they have been in the past.

Old Business: SIP and Community Service Fee; the latest word was that the Fire District, and the City and County met, and came up with a plan. The Fire Department approved their IGA last night and we need to vote today. Taxing districts get funds according to the percentage they normally get. Tina Coleman made the motion to approve the percentages and distributions as laid out in the IGA. Vicki Thomas seconded the motion. There was no other discussion, the vote was unanimous.

New business: Vicki asked about the Cherry Festival Parade. The teen librarian is in charge of coordinating the library participation for the parade. She’ll have a group of teens helping her by carrying the banner and tossing freebies, such as lollipops, bookmarks, etc., to the crowd. Brief discussion about using the van for the Maupin Days parade, since it has the District’s logo, it would be great publicity. Schedules will be checked for availability of staff. Deward Hext offered to drive it, if needed. Tina volunteered some of her children to help. Valerie thinks the teen advisory group would help, especially if they could dress like Zombies to promote their events.

Mary Beechler went to a session at PLA about building a better Board. It had all sorts of information in a Power Point. She'd also like the board to talk about a strategic plan. There should be a Board work session. It was agreed that starting this after the new fiscal year, July, would be a good idea. In the meantime, Mary will share the Power Point with the rest of the Board. The Board wants the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to include a time to set goals and responsibilities, outside of the regular meeting. It was agreed that this meeting would take place in The Dalles.

Corliss, reminded everyone about the Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA). The IGA is the agreement between the City, County, and Library District regarding the administration of the District. Jeff and Corliss will have a meeting with Matthew Klebes, the new City Manager, and Tyler Stone, for Wasco County, in May. Everyone should have a copy of the last IGA; and we'll talk about it at the Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> LB meeting (note: this is a different day than normal). There was a brief discussion of what the Board would like to see covered in the IGA.

Financial Review: The budget year is 75% over, and it was noted that there are several line items that are well under that amount. Jeff pointed out that there are still some outstanding expenditures, so those figures will change.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 in The Dalles.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:47 pm.

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