

Wasco County Library Service District
Board meeting
March 15, 2022
Location: via Zoom

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

Staff attending: Jeff Wavrunek, Valerie Stephenson

Meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Corliss Marsh

Minutes: Mary Beechler moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Tina Coleman. After a vote, the minutes were approved.

Director's report:

The Dalles – a couple years ago we had to permanently trespass a disruptive customer. Recently he was in the library and would not leave when staff asked him. The police were called and responded quickly.

The library is still doing Make and Take kits. They are still very popular. I'm working on the county budget. A lot of different reports and documents to create for the county and state. The city budget is mostly complete. Next week the Public Library Association conference is in Portland. We are sending several people for the entire conference. It'll be a little hectic at the library Wednesday and Thursday. Then on Friday the library will be closed for an in-service day, so that the rest of the staff can attend. I am looking forward to visiting the different vendors.

We'll be participating in the Cherry Festival parade this year. The library is getting a new banner to represent the Library District, as well as The Dalles Public Library.

Maupin – The library has been promoting Women's History month with a great display created by a teen volunteer. Yesterday was Pi day (mathematical pi). We gave away slices of pie. We have been working with the health department to form a partnership and provide outreach services to south county. They'll be at the library once a month helping people fill out the Oregon Health Plan forms, talk about resources available, and reaching out to underserved patrons in the area.

I have been weeding the fiction and non-fiction children's collection. We have an amazing quilt exhibit from the Columbia River Gorge Quilters Association hanging in the library through the end of April.

Also, I have been working on reprinting *The chaff in the wind*. The price has doubled. Another printer has been located and the project is moving forward. Because of short staffing, the library is currently closed on Saturdays. Storytimes will be starting up again on Friday mornings at 10:00.

Dufur – Via email: There were 604 book transactions for the month of February and 32 DVD transactions. We had two family nights for the book fair; 3 adult activities with 2 patrons each time and two teen activities with 4 patrons. Potlatch was attended 4 times with an average of 4 people checking out (there have only been 10 people coming to potlatch but that is increasing). There were 4 storytimes at daycares this month averaging 7 attendees. There were 8 preschool storytimes with an average of 15 people in attendance.

There was a brief discussion as to whether a different day and/or time would be better so that the Dufur librarian could attend these monthly meetings. Jeff will reach out to her to see if that is an option.

Old business:

SIP program – Corliss gave a brief overview of the SIP program (Strategic Investment Program). Right now, the taxing districts and city/county are in negotiations as to how the community service fees will be divided. The taxing districts involved have met twice to talk about it, but nothing has been agreed on yet. A motion that the library board support option #2 as presented by Corliss was made and seconded. There were three votes in support of the motion.

New business:

Administrative fee – made a case with the City Manager that the legal fees were never being used. A compromise was reached in which the money for legal fees will be put in the budget, and if not used, will be rolled back into the library fund. In general, the administrative fee took a big jump this year. We need to meet with the new City Manager and make a case that a 38% jump is not acceptable. It should stay flat for a couple of years going into the future to balance things out. Mary Beechler would like to make the case that members of the Library Board and the Director renegotiate the IGA, as stated in the Intergovernmental Agreement - on a yearly basis. The County Commissioners also need to be a part of the negotiation.

Financial review: It was asked what the District's overall budget is. Without the figures in front of him, Jeff made a guesstimate. As soon as it is ready, Jeff will send Board members a copy of the proposed county budget.

Next month the meeting will be held in Maupin, at 4:30 on April 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25

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