

Wasco County Library Service District
Board meeting
May 18, 2022
Location: The Dalles, and via Zoom

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

Staff members attending: Jeff Wavrunek

Meeting was called to order at: 4:36 pm.

Minutes: on the 2nd page under Dufur's report it says the kids read over 52,000 books; it should be minutes, not books. Mary Beechler moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Tina Coleman; vote was unanimous, the minutes were accepted.

Visitors and interested parties: Dianna Bailey

Director's reports:

Maupin: submitted via email - Chaff in the Wind is completed and sitting here at the library. We have already sold 5 copies, and will have them featured this weekend at the Maupin Daze events. Thanks to the Wasco County Cultural Trust, the City of Maupin, and the Oregon Humanities for helping make this possible.

May 6th we had a community art show at the library with 17 artists, including 2 junior high youth showing their work. 20 people were in attendance.

We have been working with Canyon Rim Assisted Living, they bring a bus down to the library twice a month to use the library, and we are finding simple programs for them to enjoy.

Maupin Daze is this weekend, with the Warm Springs Drummers and Dancers performing in the park (again, thank you to the Wasco County Cultural Trust). The parade is at 10 and the drummers and dancers perform at 11:00.

The SWCL Foundation will hold its annual book sale on the library patio during Maupin Daze, the Library will be on the patio signing kids up for summer reading program and doing faux tie dye book bags for a craft.

I have finished the EDI Cohort with LEO

The Wasco County Health Department is going to start using one of our reading rooms once a month to do outreach, and provide assistance to our underserved population in getting signed up for Oregon Health Plan and WIC.

I've been asked to serve on the LEO Board to represent our area. This position will start in July. I'm very honored to be asked to serve and be a voice for our neck of the woods.

Dufur: submitted via email - Summer reading plans are submitted with guest speakers and some fun crafts planned. The summer reading program will run June 16th- July 28th. I am looking forward to having in-person programs this year.

Teen Take Over is also in the works. Teen take over will be June 21st - August 16th. I was able to get a virtual program, learning the history behind the lotus paper lanterns, and teaching the kids how to make a paper lantern.

Potlatch has been a great outreach; Ursula has been able to make some great connections with community members, as she has started to bring more library items to them. They are really enjoying being able to put books and movies on hold from other libraries.

Daycare outreach is going well. The numbers there are staying pretty consistent but will change over the summer. Ursula and I have discussed some different ways to include the daycare in our summer reading program. We don't have it completely figured out yet, but we do have some good ideas.

The Dalles: The new city manager will be making a visit to the library. Jeff will have regular meetings with him. The city safety officer made a visit to the library last Friday and found several areas that need addressing. A lot of things he brought up would be expensive such as the single pane windows, sunken floor, sidewalks, and patio. City maintenance is responsible for the majority of it. The safety officer also wants the library to do some spring cleaning. Staff has started cleaning, and it's looking good. Some new face-out shelving has been added to the new book section. The books are still in the process of being shifted to the new shelves.

The Summer Reading pamphlet has just been printed; it is the best Summer Reading pamphlet we've ever had. Extremely professional looking, very attractive. The programmers for the summer reading have done an awesome job. Lots of activities and events; some great prizes.

We've hired a new page who has just started. She's doing a great job and the rest of the staff like her.

City budget committee meeting went well. The library outreach van and new website were approved.

Old Business: None

New business: Corliss and Jeff will be meeting with Matthew Klebes, the new city manager, and Tyler Stone, next week. What does the Board want them to bring up? There was discussion about the almost 50% increase in the administrative fee, and the Intergovernmental Agreement, which has not been negotiated for many years. The main concern is the amount the library pays for the administrative fee, and that the IGA, which is supposed to be negotiated on a regular basis, is not being negotiated

Financial review: There was some concern about the percentage of the budget that has been spent. Jeff pointed out that there are some costs, such as new shelving, that have not been subtracted from the budget. There was a short discussion about staffing, as there is still one position not filled.

Other business: Mary Beechler had a question about a section in the IGA, regarding the amount of money spent on books.

Next meeting will be: The Dalles Library at 4:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:44 pm

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