

Wasco County Library Service District
Board meeting
November 15, 2022
Location: The Dalles, and via Zoom

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

Staff members attending: Valerie Stephenson, Jeff Wavrunek

Meeting called to order at 3:32 pm

Approval of minutes: Deward Hext moved to accept, seconded by Vicki Thomas, approved, passed unanimously

Recognition of visitors and interested parties: none

Director reports:

Maupin: Both book clubs continue to grow. WIC meets here with clients once a month and will be here again this Thursday. We had Culture Day last month on a day that school was out. Learned a lot of important lessons. The most important one being that on a non-school day, the kids don't come to town. Very low attendance, which was disappointing, as we put a lot of work into the program. Next time we will talk to some teachers and see if we can do a collaboration on a school day.

Coming in December, we'll have both book clubs . On December 8th we'll have the annual Family Craft Night with holiday crafts. The Garden Club Christmas party is being hosted at the library on December 7th. Traveling Lantern Theatre will perform on December 19th, presenting Scrooge. Snapdragon Yoga has been really popular with the kids. One of the parents asked about yoga for adults. Valerie has talked with a local yoga instructor, and the library will start offering a yoga class in the morning before the library opens.

Dufur: nothing submitted

The Dalles: Last month we had the Zombies vs Humans event, but the turnout was disappointing, although this was the first one since COVID. Family Lego Night is going great. We offer pizza and Legos. It has been very popular and we receive a lot of thanks. The Alice in Wonderland Community Reads event went really well, we gave away over 200 books. We hosted croquet in the library for that event and people had fun. There was also a tea party which was popular. The attendance in the children's room continues to grow. It has become a destination in the Columbia Gorge area, bringing in people from the Hood River and White Salmon areas. Volunteer applications have been coming in, got two just today. Programmers have been working hard, the Winter Reading Program is coming up, with lots of great prizes available. Bob and Abbey have a program planned for December that will use a laser cutter to personalize small wooden gifts. Perfect for kids to give to parents.

Old business: Fred Meyer – Jeff looked on their website, but could not find anything like a downloadable flyer promoting the Community Rewards program. We'll have to look elsewhere for promotional materials.

The HVAC issue came up at the Department Head meeting today. Hunter-Davisson, out of Portland, submitted a quote of \$575,000. The HVAC is old and parts hard to find. This past summer a motor broke down, and we had to pay for a customized motor to be built. Jeff put in a suggestion that the city use some ARPA funds for the HVAC project. There is a potential state grant for the HVAC that Jeff has been looking into. Now we have a hard quote to submit to the state. Between what the library has been contributing, as well as the City for the last three years, we've got \$60,000 earmarked for the HVAC project. There was a discussion regarding library and city responsibilities regarding maintenance of the building and administrative fees. The Board would like the City Manager to come to a special meeting (work session) and explain how these fees are determined and what the library receives for the fees.

New business: Jeff received a phone call from Scott at Parks and Rec. Scott has received a grant for circulating sporting equipment, and wants to know if we want to partner with them. The equipment would be things such as skis, tents, baseballs, basketballs, etc. As part of the grant, the library would be able to build a storage unit to store these items. We would be responsible for cataloging and checking out the items. It would be similar to the Library of Things. There was a discussion regarding the staff time involved, upkeep of equipment, and what the library would be responsible for.

Financial review: no concerns

Next meeting: will be at 4:30 on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at The Dalles Public Library

Meeting adjourned: 4:31 pm

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