

Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library
January 18, 2022

Present: Steve Balzarini, Sue Kreikemeier, Heather Lustig, Suzanne Schmick, Ronda Penwell, Sheri Miller, and Shirley Cornelius.

Chair Suzanne Schmick called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

There was no addition or modifications to the agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting, and Resolutions 22-01 and 22-02 were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

December Financial documents were shared with the board and there were no additional comments on the statements.

Sheri presented the Interim Directors report that had been distributed with documents for this meeting. There were no additional comments.

The Friends of the Library have a new slate of officers for 2022. President is Suzy McNeilly, Vice President Jil Mohr, Secretary Nanette Nebe, and Treasurer Clancy Pool. The Friends sponsored an ad in at the end of 2021 in the Whitman County Gazette for those that donated to Memorials in 2021.

Library Business

Albion has hired a new branch manager, Jackson Frishman, and Catalina begins training with him next week.

Sheri reviewed the 2021 annual statistics with the board. Circulation was up in almost every branch over 2020 although total circulation is still well below the 2019 numbers which was before the pandemic. Website and database usage continues to grow.

Director recruitment began in January with advertisements going out to the same resources that were used before. Closing date for advertising is February 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

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

Shirley Cornelius

Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

Suzanne Schmick

Suzanne Schmick, Chair