

## Friends of the Whitman County Library

January 11, 2022

In attendance: Kristie Kirkpatrick, Jil Mohr, Wanda Alderman, Suzy McNeilly, Sarah Kane, Nanette Nebe, Cheryl Jones, Sue Hallett, Gail Webster, Mary Ann Mitchell, Shirley Cornelius, Sheri Miller, Nichole Kopp, Debi Hergert

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Hallett. The October minutes were read. Suzy made a motion to accept the minutes and Jil Mohr seconded it. The motion passed.

Shirley shared the treasurer's report. Over 300 calendars have been sold. Malden's branch has had many donations as well as using the insurance money to replace items. The Osborne grant funds are on hold at this point. The FOL bank account will be changed to PF1CU when proper paperwork has been submitted.

Old business: The photo contest scheduled for October has been put off indefinitely.

New business: Sue read the names of the nominated officers for 2022 and asked if there were any additions. Kristie then made the motion to accept the group, Cheryl seconded it and the new slate of officers were approved. . They are as follows: Suzy McNeilly, President; Jil Mohr, Vice-President; Nanette Nebe, Secretary; and Clancy Pool, Treasurer.

Kylie Fulmer is no longer the director of the Whitman County Library. Sue Hallett is no longer the President of the Whitman County Friends of the Library and Shirley Cornelius is no longer the treasurer of the Whitman County Friends of the Library.

Sheri updated the group on the national search for a new director. The new search will begin immediately and she will report at the next meeting.

Suzy encouraged the upcoming blood drive as supplies are very low. She also explained and suggested looking into the online book challenge Beanstack. There are also free trainings through SEWEDA which can be accessed on line.

Storytime packets to go are available at each branch. Nichole has been busy with outreach programs at the schools.

Jil described the Arts Council and Chamber “Yarn Bombing” project which will celebrate the 150 years for Colfax’s establishment. Items can be donated and the library will store them until time to decorate the town.

Joyce asked about the annual membership notices to be sent and volunteered to help. Suzy will be working on this project within the next 2 months.

Kristie thanked Sue for all of her dedication to the Friends and how it was a pleasure to work with her through each and every project. Sue served as vice-president for 18 months, then as president for over 8 years. Sue’s dedicated service was appreciated by all involved.

Suzy introduced Sarah Kane who is president of the Community Pride organization in LaCrosse. Suzy expressed her excitement of leading the Friends and her love of the library.

Respectfully submitted, Debi Hergert