

Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library
February 15, 2022

Present: Steve Balzarini, Sue Kreikemeier by Zoom, Suzanne Schmick, Ronda Penwell, 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 January 18, 2022 meeting, and Resolutions 22-03 and 22-04 were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

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

The Friends of the Library have received a \$20,700 ARPA grant to upgrade its computer lab that is taken to the schools for STEM programs.

Library Business

Oakesdale has an opening for a branch manager as Shelly Ausmus has decided to cut back and only be the Tekoa branch manager. Qualified candidates were interviewed in the past week and an offer has been extended.

Shirley reviewed the January statistics with the board. Traditional circulation is continuing with a downward trend although digital book checkouts had their highest month yet in January. Volunteer hours are once again on the upward trend.

Director recruitment closes on February 22 and our recruiter shared with the board the applications received to date. The board will individually review the resumes by the 1st of March and will be prepared to discuss with the recruiter the candidates on March 8 or 9 depending on schedules.

Resolution 22-05 extending sick leave for part-time employees temporarily until the end of 2022 was voted on and approved by a vote of the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.

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

Shirley Cornelius

Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

Suzanne F. Schmick

Suzanne Schmick, Chair