

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

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

Chair Suzanne Schmick called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

There was one modification to the menu under reports, continuation of discussion about possible Building grant.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting, and Resolutions 22-06 and 22-07 were approved by a vote of the Board.

### **Reports**

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

The Friends of the Library have a reception and meeting on Friday, March 25, from 4:30 to 6:00 at the Center. The Center is starting to get more events scheduled with wedding and baby showers scheduled along with a large class reunion this summer.

McKinstry is encouraging us to file for the state library capital improvements grant which has a deadline to file by May 2. Even though the library easily qualifies for the grant and would be eligible for a large grant, management decided that it was not a good time to file because of rising costs, project delays, and trying to raise matching funds.

### **Library Business**

Marianne Morkve has been hired as the new Oakesdale branch manager.

Sheri reviewed the February statistics with the board. Traditional circulation is continuing with a downward trend although some of that is probably due to the recent changes in branch managers. Past history has shown that when new branch managers are hired, circulation takes a dip until the manager becomes accustomed to her job. Some of our digital databases jumped in usage this month when promotions were done on social media for them. Without the option of going out the past two years to promote their use, some of the databases are not getting as much use.

Management is the process of trying to surplus one of the library's vehicles and a resolution should be available by the next board meeting.

Four candidates have been selected to interview on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April by Zoom. A timeline of bringing a candidate here will be developed when the final candidates are selected.

There was no Public Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19 at 4:00 PM at the Colfax branch of the Whitman County Library.



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Shirley Cornelius, Secretary



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Suzanne Schmick, Chair