

**Whitman County Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library  
March 18, 2025

**Present:** Blaine Golden, Sue Kreikemeier, Heather Lustig, and Shirley Cornelius. Staff members in attendance included Nichole Kopp, Hollyanna Hahn, Catalina Flores, Sheri Miller, and Cydney Selk. Steve Greene and Christy Hughes were in attendance as guests.

Heather called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the February meeting and Resolutions 25-06, 27-07, and 27-08, Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Meeting Room Rates were approved by a vote of the Board.

**Reports**

February financial documents were presented to the board and a brief explanation about them was given.

**Continuing Business**

In branch news, February Food for Fines is over and even though five branches did not participate overall donations were up with \$714 worth of fines cleared and \$100 in cash given. The Oakesdale branch was back open on 3/3 after flooding issues. Local townspeople helped clean up the library so that it could be re-opened. The new Malden library is open. The Endicott branch has had problems with getting custodial work done. The floors have not been cleaned recently and the fire extinguisher is gone.

Library usage stats are postponed this meeting and will be recapped in the April meeting.

The board has come up with a contract for the new director and it has been reviewed by a local lawyer. It was recommended that a board resolution be adopted for a \$2,000 reimbursement for moving expenses which will be repaid if the director leaves before two years of employment has passed. Resolution 25-09 was voted on and approved by a vote of the board. Christy Hughes will start in March on an hourly contract and will be paid approximately 100 hours before June 1 when she is expected to start.

Steve Greene has been hired as the Finance Manager and will start on April 1. The board will negotiate a contract with Shirley Cornelius to continue the training for the new finance director.

**New Business**

Sheri Miller is retiring on 6/30 after 22 ½ years of service with the library. Hollyanna Hahn has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Friends of the Library to help with expenses in pursuit of her MLA degree.

## **Adjourn**

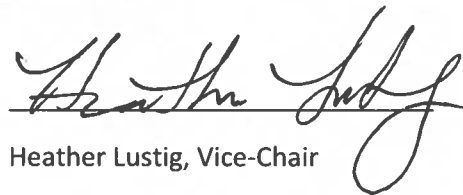
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM by Heather Lustig and the board went into executive session at 5:19 PM to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting came back into regular session at 5:32 PM and was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

## **Next Meeting**

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

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Heather Lustig, Vice-Chair