

Whitman County Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

Public Meeting at the Palouse Branch of the Whitman County Library

July 15, 2025

Present: Blaine Golden, Heather Lustig, Cindy Alred, Ronda Penwell and Steve Greene. Staff members in attendance included Catalina Flores, Sarah Bofenkamp, and Christy Hughes. Sue Kreikemeier attended by Zoom.

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the June meeting and Resolutions 25-16 and 25-17, Accounts Payable and Payroll were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

June financial documents were presented to the board and a brief explanation about them was given. The elevator has had its annual inspection, and we are working with Schindler to resolve one minor issue. Salary and wages are at 45% of budget, which is where we want to be mid-year.

The Director reported on library and director activities, and discussed the possibility of closing library branches during the last week of December.

Continuing Business

Library usage statistics were presented to the board and a brief explanation about them was given.

Summer Reading is nearly half way over. Patron response has been immense. Attendee stats and volunteer hours continue to rise. There has been more engagement with Summer Reading now that patrons can enter more than one card for the big drawing.

Sarah Bofenkamp shared that her kid's Hot Wheels painting program received great feedback. The emphasis on art and color this summer has allowed branch managers and patrons to have a lot of fun.

Parking lot – Board Member Blaine and Christy Hughes discussed that this project is ready for launch. We are waiting on the Friends to fundraise before purchasing the supplies. They are going to ask \$25 to "fill a pothole."

New Business


Ronda encouraged the library to begin planning how to celebrate America250 in the coming year. She also urged staff and board members to connect with the Washington State Historical Society, which offers a dedicated America250 website full of resources and ideas.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM by Cindy Alred.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 19th, at 4:00 PM at the **Malden** branch of the Whitman County Library.



Steve Greene, Finance Manager



Cindy Alred, Chair