

Whitman County Friends of the Library
Meeting, January 20, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Lizzie Jones. Those in attendance were Raven Savage, Clancy Pool, Shirley Cornelius, Dave Olsen, Jil Mohr, Christy Hughes, and Cydney Selk

November minutes were approved by a majority vote.

Treasurer's report - The Treasurer's report for December was presented to the board. The Friends are presenting a check for \$12,018.83 to the library for 2025 expenses incurred by the branches for programming costs. Shirley Cornelius will be receiving a \$1,000 check for 2025 accounting expenses. Several large donations were received in December including a \$5,000 donation and a \$300 donation for STEM programming.

Library Report - Cydney Selk will be an additional library representative to the Friends besides Christy Hughes. Two new artists are showing in the Center with receptions for each occurring in February. Long time artist Nancy Rothwell will be ending her artist residence in January. The art hanging system will start to be installed next week. Ken Carper cards will be sold for \$5.00. The library is joining a reading group similar to Everybody Reads called "One Book, One Coast" consisting of the states of Washington, Oregon, and California. The first book will be "They Call Us Enemy" by George Takei and will take place in the spring. Thrifty Grandmothers made a sizable donation to upgrade the furniture in Hayden's Corner.

Ice Cream Party – The ice cream party in December featuring the showing of The Polar Express drew 7 children. The Friends paid \$100.00 for ice cream provided by One Scoop for the event.

Calendar – Most of the calendars have been sold with only a few calendars left at the Pullman Chamber and in the Colfax Library. We have cleared about \$1,400.00.

Friends Brochure – The brochure for donors is almost completed except for a few minor changes. The Friends approved a printing of 150 to 200 color copies to be distributed to the branches and the main library.

Spring Book Club – The Spring book is The Austen Affair by Madeline Bell. We have not determined a final February date has a location for the event has not yet been secured. Possible dates include February 18, 25, or 27th.

Newsletter/Email – No progress made on a spring newsletter. There is concern that the email addresses that the Friends currently have are outdated and that we need a more current list. We hope that the Library can gather email addresses at events so that those names can be added to our email list.

Elections – The Friends approved by a majority vote to retain the current slate of officers, Lizzie Jones – President, Raven Savage Vice-President, and Clancy Pool Treasurer.

Spring Tea – Event will be May 9 in the Center. We would like to put out a call for volunteers to help the current chair with the event. The goal is to have advertising out early so that people can make plans for saving the date. Discussion was made in regards to different ideas for fundraising at the event and the food to be served.

Chamber MOU – A new MOU with the Colfax Chamber for renting space in the Center has been made and approved with a rent increase of \$100 a month.

Open Forum – A \$300 scholarship was approved for our Oakesdale Librarian, Sanya Pope, who is getting her associated degree in library science and information technology. Sidney will have to produce evidence of enrollment to receive the scholarship. The board voted not to renew its American Library Association membership but did vote to renew its Colfax Chamber membership.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM by Lizzie Jones