

Wasco County Library Service District
Board meeting
February 21, 2023
Location: The Dalles, and via Zoom

Board members attending: Vicki Thomas, Mary Beechler, Deward Hext, Corliss Marsh

Library staff attending: Jeff Wavrunek, Valerie Stephenson

Meeting called to order: 4:30 p.m.

Minutes: No changes necessary, Vicki Thomas moved to approve, seconded by Mary Beechler

Visitors and interested parties: None

Director's Reports:

Maupin: There was good turnout for programs in February. Snapdragon Yoga for kids on Saturdays is going strong. Cooking the Books, the cookbook club, gets many compliments. Continuing to plan the summer reading program and coordinating with Rita from The Dalles. Also, planning for Maupin Daze.

Dufur: (emailed) Things are good in Dufur. We have had a consistent turnout for the fiber arts night. After talking with a few patrons, they requested that the day be changed to Tuesdays and it has been well received. Micah's outreach to the daycare and preschool is going well. The kids love her. Potlatch is moving to a new location (unknown at this time) so that will be interesting. Summer reading plans are almost completely in place. Our dates are June 13th - August 8th. This will be the first time with Summer Reading on Tuesdays. I am curious to see how the change in day will impact attendance. The change was made so that all three libraries could share performers

The Dalles: Union negotiations have begun for the contract covering the next 3 years. As mentioned last month, the 23/24 budget will not be finalized until contract negotiations are complete. Retroactive pay increases are possible if the contract gets settled after July 1st. The three children's book clubs continue to have good attendance. Staff is busy planning for a big Hobbit event in March. The Galentine's Day take & make was highly popular this year, as was the Anti-Valentine's Day teen event. Other popular events included a fishing workshop for kids, an anime drawing event with Carlos Nieto, thread journaling with Stephanie Evans, and many take and make kits for all age levels. For instance, the adult Teacup Birdfeeder "sold out" in a few days.

New business: The new logo for the Library District and individual libraries has been chosen with staff and Library Board input. This has enabled the story dispensers to be put

into production. A March 10, date was given as the date the story dispensers would reach The Dalles. Staff is busy soliciting content for them from students at local schools.

Deward (George) Hext has reiterated his intention to resign from the Library Board, as he is moving to La Pine. Rita Rathkey has agreed to replace Mr. Hext.

Old business: There was discussion regarding the administration fee the city charges The Dalles Library and a possible monthly rent charge to The Dalles Library. There was also discussion around city and library responsibility regarding library capital improvements. Library Board members agreed that the county commissioners should be contacted. A work session is planned for Tuesday, March 14, at 4:30, in The Dalles Library. Rita Rathkey will be invited as Mr. Hext's replacement.

Financial review: Financial records were considered fine.

Next meeting will be at The Dalles Library on March 21, at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Corliss Marsh, Chairman

Mary Beechler, Vice Chairman

Deward Hext, Board Member

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Vicki Thomas, Board Member