

Wasco County Library Service District
Board meeting
June 20, 2023
Location: The Dalles, and via Zoom

Board members attending: Corliss Marsh, Mary Beechler, Tina Coleman, Rita Rathkey

Library staff attending: Jeff Wavrunek, Rita Squires

Meeting called to order: 4:06 p.m.

Minutes: Mary Beechler moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Tina Coleman, the vote was unanimous

Visitors and interested parties: None

Director's Reports:

Dufur – not here, no report

Maupin – not here, no report

The Dalles -- There are currently two positions open, one full-time to replace the previous programming and outreach coordinator; the second position is a new page position, which is part-time. Currently, there have been over 30 applications, with one being bilingual, which would be a plus. Jeff had a unique interaction with a patron today, she wanted to compliment him on the new book section.

Summer Reading has started; unfortunately, due to high winds, the bounce house rented for the kick-off party had to be cancelled.

Nicole Giller, the person who has been doing the Snapdragon Yoga, is leaving the area at the end of summer; this is something that will affect both The Dalles and Maupin.

The painting of the building is mostly done, just a few spots that were missed, cleaning up overspray. Window washers are supposed to be here next week on June 26th; this is something done annually.

We are getting a quote for janitorial work from the company currently cleaning the bathrooms. The mobile Farmer's Market will be here every Wednesday, starting June 21st; they'll be in the lower parking lot from 3:00 – 5:00.

Old business: The new Facilities Manager has been hired, he just started last week. There has been a discussion regarding offering an outside bookdrop that patrons can drive up to; the board wants Jeff to proceed with that, as they think it will be beneficial to patrons. He is currently checking on prices.

New business: Due to problems with bad addresses given when people apply for library cards, the new procedure will be mailing the actual card, instead of giving it to them the same day. They will still be allowed to check out a limited number of items that day. When they receive the card in the mail, they bring it in on their next visit, and the card application process is completed. The board thought this was a good idea, and hopes it will reduce the number of bad addresses.

Other libraries do not have signed versions of their policies on their websites; they have the policies posted, just no signatures.

Financial report: There was a question regarding the percentage expended shown on page two, which was clarified by Jeff.

IGA – Corliss Marsh and Rita Rathkey met with Matt Klebes, City Manager of The Dalles; they have exchanged proposed changes. Rita has done some research on Service Districts in the state. She particularly liked the way Clackamas County IGA has standards. She will share a link to some of these districts with the rest of the Board. Jeff shared the proposed 2023-24 budget for the Service District.

In the IGA proposed by the City, the City wants full control of the Library. They want final say on how the budget is spent, and what is going on. Mary Beechler does not want the City having control of the district's money. She thinks the IGA should have money amounts in it, and that does not undermine what Jeff is doing as Librarian. Corliss thinks another meeting with Matt Klebes is needed.

The Board thinks there should be a formula used for how much money is given to each library. Once a formula is in place, it should not need to be changed. There is too much back and forth, the City's proposed IGA gives them all the power. The Board would like at least one commissioner attend a meeting to talk about the IGA with Matt Klebes.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 18th at 4:00 at The Dalles; however, this was later decided to skip July's meeting, which is normal, and instead the next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 15th, at 1:00 p.m. in The Dalles.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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