

**Wasco County Library Service District
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Location: The Dalles Library Meeting Room & Zoom**

Board members present: Tina Coleman, Corliss Marsh, Dave Mason, Rita Rathkey, Mary Beechler

Staff members present: Jeff Wavrunek, Rita Squires, Valerie Stephenson

Visitors: none

Called to order: 4:32

Minutes: Dave Mason moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Rita Rathkey; approval was unanimous

Director's Reports

Dufur: (via email) *I met the director of the Sherman County Library and discussed some different issues that arise with being a school and community library. We brainstormed some different ideas and plans to help promote the library. One of the big benefits for Dufur is having Micah go to potlatch.*

The library will be hosting a seed exchange Tuesday and Thursday evenings during spring break. We have partnered with the food pantry and the green house classes here at Dufur for seeds and resources.

I am distributing solar glasses for the solar eclipse on April 8th. Every student at the school will receive a pair of glasses and they will go out into the community through potlatch, the fibre guild and the seed exchange.

Rita did a great job getting performers lined up for summer reading. I did get a program through the discovery center on July 2nd. They will be doing a bird exhibit.

April 8th will start library week. We will be reading pirates this year with different activities including float a boat, walk the plank, message in a bottle, cannon ball toss, battle ship and pirate bingo. There will be reading contests and written contests. Most of these activities are for elementary age. The high schoolers can earn community service hours for graduation.

Tina Coleman noted that she has talked with Sarah regarding her concerns, hopes, and dreams. She said that Sarah had some great ideas; would like more space for the adult books. Tina will talk to the school superintendent regarding this.

Maupin: Recently held a Garden Expo, in partnership with the City of Maupin, OSU Extension, and the garden club. There were about 200 people in attendance; Valerie highlighted the Library of Things food preservation items. 4-H has been offering some family events. They've had a sourdough baking class, and there will be a soap making class. The cookbook club has started back up. She reminded everyone that the workshop offered through the Oregon Humanities grant is coming up soon. Minecraft Mondays is going strong. She is working on an upcoming author event. April is poetry month, and she has events planned for that, as well.

The Dalles: Jeff took information from Executive Forum, and made a presentation recently in Lake Oswego. He stated that the participants had interesting and educational perspectives. Jeff's presentation was on streamlining the programming process. The city is thinking about giving department heads access to some of the Executive Forum coaches.

The director has been working on the city budget, it still needs some tweaking, but it is almost finalized. County budget is next up.

Jon, one of our new hires, has been working on a VR batting practice program. There were some issues that he's been working through, but he will soon reach out to interested families - just in time for little league.

The spring Community Reads event is happening currently, with everyone reading *Treasure Island*. Kirsten recently did a mermaid/pirate themed storytime that generated a great turnout.

The blue and gray magnetic blocks are still very popular with kids. They have been building some extremely creative structures.

Kirsten Wells and Abbey Phelps will be attending an Oregon Humanities workshop in Maupin next month. Jon Kleeman is doing outreach at CGCC with an ESL class.

Old business: Library van is due for delivery by September.

Security camera policy – this was the first reading. The board will look at it again next month, with questions, concerns or recommendations.

The outdoor bookdrop has been unpackaged and its footing formed. The concrete bases for the outdoor sculptures will soon be ready.

IGA – There was a discussion regarding the IGA as presented by the city manager. The mutual feeling seems to be that this is as good as it's going to get at this point in time. The library board wants to maintain a good relationship with the city. Though there are some areas like the administrative fee formula that the board would prefer to have more specifics on, they are ready to push forward. Mary Beechler made the motion to take the

recent IGA draft, along with a list of concerns regarding the indirect administrative costs to the next county commissioner’s meeting. This was seconded by Dave Mason; a vote was unanimous.

Shaniko: Jeff brought up some concerns regarding use of the library station located in Shaniko that were recently raised by a resident of that town. The resident feels they are being prevented from using the facility, as the lock has been changed, with everyone else having a key. After a brief discussion, the board decided that more information about this is needed. Maggie Pando will be making a visit there soon, and Jeff will have her gather information and report her findings to the board.

New business: OLA is at the end of April, please make sure you are signed up if you want to go.

Financial review: Clarification was given regarding “Office Equipment” and how it shows on the report.

Next meeting: Scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 4:30 p.m. in Dufur

Meeting adjourned: 5:45 p.m.

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District, Board of Directors**

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