

**WALLA WALLA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes
May 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Walla Walla Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:21 p.m. in the Walla Walla Public Library Program Room by Chair Jane Ellen Innes.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Foster, Lou Holm, Jane Ellen Innes, Ryan Schreck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Dahl

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth George, Young People's Librarian; Jeanne Haney, Administrative Assistant; Jane Ternes, Library Specialist

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Chris Plucker

VISITORS PRESENT: Jackie George, Jeff Blum

Chair Jane Ellen Innes determined that a quorum was present. The visitors were welcomed.

Kathy Foster moved that the agenda be approved as written. Ryan Schreck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Ryan Schreck moved that the minutes of the April 25, 2012 regular meeting be accepted as written. Kathy Foster seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

The April 2012 Financial Statement and Voucher Transmittal were reviewed. It was noted that the city's budget preparation process for the next two years is beginning. The library's budget will be impacted by the Rural Library District contract and the strategic plan.

The Director's report included the following:

- Popular author Jane Kirkpatrick will be presenting a program on May 24th.

- Planning for the summer reading program is being finalized. School visits begin next week and children can begin signing up. A Whitman College intern will be helping with the program this summer. Children from Farm Labor Homes and Blue Ridge participate in the summer reading program, they visit the library in a group setting.

- The Friends of the Library are selling t-shirts in addition to the book bags as fundraisers. The Friends of the Library funded the new signage on the doors and bookdrops. They also funded the sidewalk sign.
- Susan Newton is continuing her work on developing a strategic plan for the library. A retreat to start the planning with interested citizens is planned for May 30th.
- The three finalists in the city's sesquicentennial art event will display scale models of their art at the library. A reception is planned.
- The Director is working on a Paul G. Allen Family Foundation grant request for a technology lab for teens.
- Flip video cameras have been purchased to film book reviews this summer, teaching young people skills and allowing them to share books with others.
- The library hosted the semi-annual meeting of the Inland Northwest Collection Development Group.
- A presentation on the purpose of "weeding" the library collection was shared. Staff is currently weeding the 300 and 900 areas of nonfiction.

The monthly report and statistics were reviewed. The response to the TumbleBooks database has been very positive. It was noted that the Ancestry database can only be accessed in the building.

The consensus of the Board was to cancel the June meeting due to scheduled absences by the director and three Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary to the Board