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**WALLA WALLA PUBLIC LIBRARY**
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes
October 15, 2012

The regular meeting of the Walla Walla Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:27 p.m. in the Walla Walla Public Library Board Room by Chair Jane Ellen Innes.

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beth Hudson, Library Director; Jeanne Haney, Administrative Assistant

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON ABSENT:** Chris Plucker

**VISITORS PRESENT:** None

Chair Jane Ellen Innes called the meeting to order.

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

Kathy Foster moved that the minutes of the August 15, 2012 regular meeting be accepted as written. Ryan Schreck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Kathy Foster moved that the minutes of the August 21, 2012 special meeting be accepted as written. Ryan Schreck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

The September 2012 Financial Statement and Voucher Transmittal were reviewed. The cost of the new mural was reviewed. $10,250 in donations was received to repair and prime the wall and paint the mural.

The consensus of the Board was to change the November meeting date to November 7th since the regular meeting date is the evening before Thanksgiving. The December meeting date will be decided at the November meeting.

The City Council will be holding a worksession on the 2013-2014 budget on November 5th. Approval of the 2013-2014 budget is scheduled for the December 5th City Council meeting.

A status quo 2013 budget for the library would be $72,000 greater than the 2012 budget due to increased personnel costs mainly from union negotiated cost of living increases, step increases and the increasing cost of medical insurance. The Director was instructed to cut the 2013 budget by $72,000 to reduce it to the 2012 level. An additional $125,000 was then cut as instructed by the city manager. This couldn't be done without cutting both personnel and operating expenditures. Tentative open hours for 2013 will be 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The library will be closed on Mondays.

The City Council has not made a decision on continuing to offer non-resident library cards in 2013. The benefits from offering cards to non-residents were discussed.

The importance of fundraising with a depleted budget and several fundraising ideas were discussed.

The Board will pursue obtaining information on establishing a municipal library district to provide a stable funding source. An inquiry into the role of the Library Board as a governing board will be conducted, led by the Chair.

The November 1st program with author Kim Barnes will kick off the *Big Idea Talks* program. A Washington Humanities Spark grant application totaling $3,900 to continue the *Big Idea Talks* program has been submitted in collaboration with a philosophy professor at Whitman College. This is a matching funds grant application. Videography with the programs will be pursued.

The theme for the *Booked for Winter* program is *A Taste of Culture*. Three books will be featured with a program on each book. The program will run from January through March 2013. The first featured book is the novel *Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris.

Chair Jane Ellen Innes announced the Board will be recessing to Executive Session to discuss personnel. The meeting was reconvened in Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. and recessed at 6:13 p.m.

There being no further business Gene Dahl moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kathy Foster seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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