

**Board of Trustees, Washington Public Library
February 28, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Lick, the roll was called and the Pledge given. Members present included: Diane Lick, Susan Wehmueller, Katie Schonaerts, Barbara Volmert, Greg Skornia and Carolyn Witt.

Sue moved that the agenda be approved. Motion seconded by Barb and the motion carried. Katie moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library Report: Due to weather, the Friends did not meet last month.

Library Director's Report:

Meteorology: Three successive Thursday snow/sleet storms this past month, but the library remained open! We were used as a warming shelter, except during the storm that brought us 11 ½ inches of snow. The result of these storms has been very busy Saturdays and Sundays. (slammed!!)

COVID-19: No changes in mask requirements for the library. There has been no change in library procedures currently in force.

Statistics and Collections: Board Games & Library of Things: Board games are increasing in popularity. We are expanding collection with more family-friendly games for children 10 and under. Friends are funding many of the games! Local gaming organization is donating extra games. Need to focus on shelving solutions. Katie asked if this could be an Eagle Scout project. This will be explored. Penworthy kits may be purchased as they provide science kits ready to go, requiring no staff time. Nelson stated that he would like the Friends to fund free little libraries in the Washington senior care facilities with current large print books by popular authors. This will be in cooperation with the Community Literacy Foundation.

Facilities: The City has proposed using some ARPA funds to address the library's HVAC system. We are concerned with the pricing of the HVAC system and will be getting more information.

HR: Kelly Covington has been promoted to Library Clerk. We will be advertising for a shelver soon.

Trainings/Conferences: Nelson will be attending the upcoming PLA Conference in Oregon at the end of March. The next staff training will be in May (TBD) before the Summer Reading Program.

Programs:

February programs recap: Jan Jacobi – Abraham Lincoln (and contest) February 19 at 1 pm. Bill Schwab will continue Great Decisions program running Feb-March on Wednesday afternoons. Winter Reading Challenge ended and was quite popular. Bill Hart's program on his book, "Historic Missouri Roadsides" on Feb. 19th was very popular and well attended!

Looking ahead at Programs:

Tony Messenger: Profit and Punishment March 10th at 6:30.

The Community Read of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein is scheduled March 12-April 30. The program committee is working the logistics of scheduling storytimes, lectures, crafts and an escape room. (Looks wonderful!)

The Library is using Kay Hazel funds to bring NC author Wiley Cash for a program in June. This will be a special Friday event.

The Summer Reading Kickoff event will be even bigger this year – another special Friday event. There will even more programs and performers this summer! The Library is exploring/planning for an August Local Author Book Fair. This project will work with the publisher Reedy Press and Neighborhood Reads, highlighting as many authors as possible.

Nelson thanked Diane and Sue for the goodies for the staff!

Susan moved that the Director's Report be approved, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Nelson reported that the Policy Manual is ready to be reviewed by the committee and he will contact Diane and Carolyn about a time to get together to do this.

New Business: No new business.

There being no further business, Barb moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2022