

Board of Trustees, Washington Public Library
March 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Lick, the roll was called and the Pledge given. **Members present included:** Diane Lick, Leanne Gisburne, Katie Schonaerts, Doug Holdmeyer, Gretchen Pettit and Carolyn Witt. **Guest:** Mayor Sandy Lucy.

Leanne moved that the agenda be approved. Motion seconded by Gretchen and the motion carried. Katie moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Leanne. Motion carried.

Mayor Lucy thanked the members of the Board for their support of the library and community service. The enthusiasm that comes from the library contributes to the community's well-being. When elected, she desired to "raise the bar" throughout the City and the library contributes to the success of this goal!

Friends of the Library Report: The Friends met last month and are currently working on upcoming events and programs. The Friends have received a \$30,000 bequest and conducting a very successful membership drive.

Library Director's Report:

COVID-19: No changes in procedures. The City has paused its weekly COVID-19 statistical report.

Statistics and Collections: Circulation and statistics are, in general, comparable to last year. We continue to shift back to face to face programming. Penworthy kits were selected with library staff. Nelson stated the Friends to will 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. A RFQ request has been issued, due April 1. Interested vendors can request an in-person visit. There was a sewer back up last weekend on the lower level.

Trainings: Nelson attended the PLA Conference in Oregon at the end of March. He shared some slides from Portland. He thanked the Friends and the State for help funding the trip.

Recap:

Nelson met lots of librarians from across the U.S. and had a great convention.

Book Page magazine: a free two-month subscription to test with our patrons. If popular, we'll consider funding this.

Large Print books for children: Nelson received three starter-books for our collection. He consulted with a local grade school teacher about this and she confirmed some students do well with Large Print.

Nelson returned with several ideas for programs/prizes for adult and children's programming.

Book Collection development ideas: Nelson visited with all our vendors for updates on anything new/ in development.

Seminars: Adult Education for HISET. We have a potential partnership with SRL in the next year, through a State program.

Board of Trustees relations.

Book challenges.

Local Entrepreneur Assistance: can be tied into our Library of Things. (cameras, etc)

Strategic Plans vs Continuous Programming.

Various "How To" Seminars.

It was suggested we document the ideas gained through attendance of this conference, to justify funding future attendance by director and staff.

Programs:

March re-cap: Tony Messenger: Profit and Punishment March 10th at 6:30. (50 people attended), Frankenstein Escape Room, Saturday March 26 (30 people)

Upcoming Programs:

Big Week for programming – we will run 9 programs this week!

The Community Read of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein is scheduled March 12-April 30. Complete program schedule is included in the handouts. All free copies have been distributed.

Great Decisions 2022 has been so well-attended, Bill Schwab will run the course again in the fall.

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! June 3.

The Missouri Book Festival planning committee has been meeting and moving forward with plans to hold a festival centering on the library parking lot, April 26-27. This is an exciting event, should be a lot of work and we hope the community rallies around this event. Christy Stroyer is chairing this event.

Elections: Library will continue to be a polling location in the 2022 elections. Local elections will be in the library, April 5th.

Doug moved that the Director's Report be approved, seconded by Leanne . 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, Gretchen moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Katie. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2022