

Wasco County Library Service District  
Board Meeting  
January 15, 2019  
Location: The Dalles

**Board members present:** Dick Stentz, Rita Rathkey, Carol Jones, Carolyn Wood

**Staff present:** Jeff Wavrunek, Rita Squires, Rani McPhearson

**Called to order:** 4:03 by Dick Stentz

**Recognition of visitors and interested parties:** Rich Mays, new mayor of The Dalles; Darcy Long-Curtis, councilwoman of The Dalles; Kathy Ritchey, representing the newly formed Library Advisory Board for Southern Wasco County Library.

Jeff Wavrunek gave an overview on the Library District, how the money is shared, responsibilities, who is in charge. Carolyn Wood explained areas covered in the county (within city limits of Mosier is not covered, as they opted not to be part of the Library District; the town of Antelope, as well as a part of the Warm Springs Reservation which are served by a closer library district).

Rich Mays introduced himself, and gave some background on how he came to be in The Dalles. Darcy Long-Curtis also introduced herself, as did Kathy Ritchey.

**Corrections to minutes:** None. Rita Rathkey moved to approve, seconded by Carol Jones, and the minutes were approved

**Director's Reports:**

**Dufur** – (Sarah Tierney was not here, her report was sent via email, which was read aloud by Dick Stentz.) Dufur is getting ready for the book fair. February 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, last year was one of the biggest fundraising book fairs. I am hoping I can repeat that success again. Plans for National Library Week in April are underway and summer reading program plans are progressing. The Ready to Read grant was approved and I am working on spending that money. One of the items I am purchasing is a story time chair. I haven't found the perfect one yet, but I am looking.

Books ordered from Ingram have been coming cataloged and processed. This has been a HUGE time saver and is very convenient. We had a cookie exchange on December 20<sup>th</sup> with 13 people in attendance. I am looking at my schedule and have a soup night tentatively scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Maupin** – Their book sale, held in December, raised \$62. Movie night is going well. Bronte is a new staff member, replacing Kyle, who left to work for the Chamber of Commerce. They hope to put a computer in the Canyon Rim Assisted Living facility, for ease of patron use. Kathy Ritchey, a volunteer, will be providing outreach library services to them. (After a brief discussion, it was realized that because this is a private facility, not something open to the general public, the Service District cannot support a computer there. However, donated computers could possibly be used there. The Service District would not be responsible for their upkeep.) Rani is taking a seminar on homelessness and libraries. Summer Reading planning is coming along. The Library Advisory Board (LAB) is coming along. It was set up to help recommend and give advice in fostering diversity in programs, events and the collection. They are going to set up a committee to help with interior design of the new library.

**The Dalles** – The new book shelves, allowing more face out display of books, has resulted in higher circulation of those books. The second annual Soup Night will be tomorrow night, all of the soups are made by volunteers (staff and board members). Safeway, once again, donated French bread to go with the soup.

There is a Winter Reading program going on, the first time it has been offered. We have partnered with Burgerville, who is giving all elementary school-aged kids a free kid's meal for reading 5 books.

Lights are being changed, with LEDs being installed, and the project should be done soon.

The City of The Dalles is doing a Citizen Academy for those interested in learning how city government works. They are hoping to offer this every year; there are currently 15 people signed up.

**Old Business:**

Dufur Library hours during school breaks? Since Sarah Tierney was not here, there was no answer. The new drinking fountain has been ordered. It was nice to see that the dead leaves have been cleaned up.

**New Business:**

Maupin LAB held a very productive meeting, lots of people are involved. The reason behind the formation of the LAB is the Collins Grant (for helping furnish the new library); they were told that the programming and materials did not offer enough diversity.

Carol Jones' term will be up in July, and she reminded the Board that they will need to find someone to fill her spot.

**Financial Review:**

A library service district audit had been conducted by Wasco County and the results sent to the Board. Carolyn Woods moved to accept the audit results, with Rita Rathkey seconding. It was unanimously accepted.


The next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 in The Dalles.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

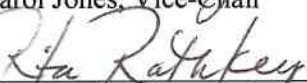
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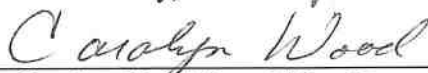
Dick Stentz, Chair



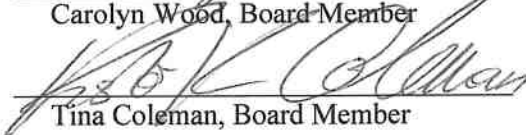
Carol Jones, Vice-Chair



Rita Rathkey, Board Member



Carolyn Wood, Board Member



Tina Coleman, Board Member