

WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2013

COMMISSION PRESENT: Mary Beechler, Diane Bungum, Corliss Marsh, and Rita Rathkey

COMMISSION ABSENT: Margaret Brewer

STAFF PRESENT: District Librarian Sheila Dooley, Dufur School/Community Librarian Louise Walkowiak, Library Clerk II Maggie Pando, and Library Clerk I Anya Kawka

GUESTS PRESENT: Wasco County Commissioner Steve Kramer

The meeting of the Wasco County Library Service District Board was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Chairman Mary Beechler.

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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Commissioner Steve Kramer was recognized by the Board.

MINUTES

Corliss Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of June 11th. Diane Bungum seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The written monthly report for The Dalles-Wasco County Library was presented for information. Sheila Dooley reported that 199 children had participated in the summer reading program this year. The Eastern Oregon Word Roundup hosted by Libraries of Eastern Oregon will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Pendleton. Registration information is available online. It was suggested that programs aimed at seniors, such as the recent ombudsman program on long term care options, be held at the Senior Center to encourage higher attendance.

REPORTS

A. Library Mobile App Usage

Maggie Pando reported that there were 179 mobile app users during August and 2,000 inquiries. The library will be promoting this service to increase usage.

B. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) and Self-Checkout System

The timeline for completion of this project is late spring 2014. Tagging of the collection, utilizing both staff and volunteers, will begin when the contract is awarded.

C. Friends of the Library Activities

Corliss Marsh updated the Board regarding recent Friends of the Library activities. Nearly \$900 was raised from the sale of used books during August. The annual membership meeting will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> with guest speakers making presentations on the future of libraries.

D. Library Expansion Committee

Corliss Marsh reported that another \$30,000 needed to be raised in order to meet the fundraising goal of \$200,000. The next fundraiser is the Book Lovers' Ball, sponsored by Half the Gorge Sky and scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>. Half of the proceeds of this event will be donated to the expansion project. Diane Bungum stated that auction items are needed.

E. Library District Financial Report

The report was not yet available.

F. Financial Report for The Dalles-Wasco County Library

The budget (excluding the contingency and unappropriated ending balance) was 15% expended as of 17% of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Maupin Library Building Technical Assistance Grant

Mary Beechler reported that the City of Maupin had appointed a committee to start fundraising for a library building. There was no consensus yet as to the direction to take with the library project.

Mary Beechler stated that Southern Wasco County Librarian Sarah Hennessey will be on a leave of absence until late spring 2014.

Louise Walkowiak reported that the summer reading program at Dufur was a success with 30 children participating.

Mary Beechler will apply for an Oregon Cultural Trust grant for programming in Maupin this year.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Materials Expenditures Formula for FY 2013-2014

After a discussion, Mary Beechler moved to continue the use of the same formula for materials allocation as that used in prior years. Diane Bungum seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

B. Election of Officers

Mary Beechler nominated Corliss Marsh for Chairman and Mary Beechler for Vice-Chairman. Rita Rathkey seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

C. Branding Project

Anya Kawka proposed forming a marketing team to conduct research and present options for a district wide brand to the Library Board. It was agreed that representatives from each library should be involved.

Steve Kramer noticed that the County's website has a link to The Dalles-Wasco County Library instead of to the Library District. Maggie Pando will talk to Paul Ferguson about changing the link.

At 4:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Corliss Marsh. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. at The Dalles-Wasco County Library.

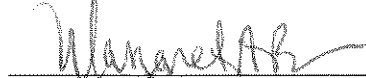
APPROVED by the Wasco County Library District Board of Directors on the 15th day of October 2013.

WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE  
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

  
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Mary Beechler, Chair

Absent

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Corliss Marsh, Vice-Chair

  
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Margaret Brewer, Board Member

  
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Diane Bungum, Board Member

  
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Rita Rathkey, Board Member