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WALLA WALLA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes
October 26, 2011

The regular meeting of the Walla Walla Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:25 p.m. in the Walla Walla Public Library Dodd Room by Chair Gene Dahl.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Dahl, Jane Ellen Innes, Ryan Schreck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Foster, Lou Holm

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Hudson, Library Director; Jeanne Haney, Administrative Secretary; Jane Ternes, Library Specialist

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Conrado Cavazos, Jr.

VISITORS PRESENT: Dick Swenson

Chair Gene Dahl determined that a quorum was present. Dick Swenson was welcomed. The agenda was approved as written.

Ryan Schreck moved that the minutes of the September 21, 2011 regular meeting be accepted. Jane Ellen Innes seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

The September 2011 Financial Statement and Voucher Transmittal were reviewed. There were no questions.

The Director's report included the following:

- In a special meeting held on October 3rd, the City Council rejected the RLD's 2011 contract offer. The Council was displeased with the RLD's insistence that the City share in the costs of the Plaza Library and opposed those costs being subtracted from the formula supplied by Ruth Metz for determining the contract amount. A draft of the letter that will be mailed to county residents who hold cards with the Public Library was reviewed and revisions were suggested.
- The 2011 proposed library budget and possible reduction in open hours were discussed. The Director will be meeting

with Council member Shane Laib on Friday to discuss the budget. Members of the Board are welcome to attend this meeting.

- The City Council will be discussing and possibly making decisions regarding the Library at their November 28th meeting. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- The transition from the current administrator of KOHA, the integrated library system, to a new administrator has begun. At the October WALNET meeting, their Board assured us that they understand the time constraints we are working within and that our inability to have our records extracted by December 31st is not going to be a problem as long as we can have this work completed as soon as possible.
- A grant to establish a homework center at the Library was awarded by the Blue Mountain Community Foundation.
- The Library hosted a successful *Early Learning Fair* on September 24th. A program on debt and managing money called *Boiled Down Money Goo* was presented by the Minteer's on October 12th.

There was discussion on non-resident library cards. Due to the absence of two members, the Board decided not to make a formal recommendation until the November meeting.

The monthly report and statistics were reviewed.

Jane Ellen Innes moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ryan Schreck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary to the Board