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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes
December 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Walla Walla Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:22 p.m. in the Walla Walla Public Library Board Room by Chair Jane Ellen Innes.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Dahl, Kathy Foster, Lou Holm, Jane Ellen Innes, Ryan Schreck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Hudson, Library Director; Jeanne Haney, Administrative Assistant

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Chris Plucker

VISITORS PRESENT: Jackie George

Jackie George was welcomed. The agenda was approved as written.

Gene Dahl was thanked by the Board and staff for his 10 years of service on the Library Board. The Director thanked the Board for their service and support this past year.

Kathy Foster moved that the minutes of the October 17, 2012 regular meeting be accepted as written. Gene Dahl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

The November 2012 Financial Statement and Voucher Transmittal were reviewed. There were no questions.

The Director's report to the Board included:

- New hours and staffing changes for 2013 were reviewed.
- The Library has been awarded a grant by the Paul G. Allen Foundation for a technology lab for teens. A letter of agreement is being prepared by the Foundation.
- Information is being distributed through area schools about library services and the new $68 nonresident card. The Moms' Network is hosting a nonresident card kick-off party on January 5th. All funds raised through the sale of nonresident cards will be put back into the library's budget.

- The Library has been awarded a $2,000 Humanities Washington grant for six *Big Idea Talks* programs. These programs were developed in partnership with Whitman College. Program topics will include tourism, backyard conservation, the state of Latino life in our area, art in Walla Walla, living in the shadow of the Washington State Penitentiary, and the myth and reality of eating local.
- The first three *Big Idea Talks* programs were developed with the theme of *A Taste of Culture* and feature books with a focus on food. Hannah MacDonald of *Brasserie Four* will present the first program on January 10th at 7:00 p.m. The featured book for this first program is *Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris.
- The Director informed the Board of a grant available from the Neal-Schuman Foundation for library advocacy. Grant applications are due in January. The Board asked the Director to submit a grant application.
- January programs include a Chamber Music Festival, new storytimes, and a Dale Chihuly event for young artists which will kick-off a series of programs planned for Walla Walla. The culminating Dale Chihuly event will be held this May at the Library.
- The number of people using the Library and its services continues to increase as reflected in the statistics. More programs were held in 2012 with higher average attendance than in previous years.

There being no further business Kathy Foster moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gene Dahl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Chair of the Board Secretary to the Board