

WELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes March 12, 2024 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: By Beka Compton At 6:02 pm

TRUSTEES: Beka Compton-Chair 8-28, Jim Leid–Vice-Chair 8-27, Rebecca Wilson-Secretary 8-26, Marie Gagnon 8-25, Sherri Erikson 8-24 *Ending Term date after name
Library Supervisor - Sarah Roberts
City Council Representative - Jillian Henze
Absent: Jim Leid

GUESTS: Eila Whelchel

Minutes: February 2024

Moved to accept by Sherri Erickson 2nd by, Marie Gagnon **APPROVED**/REVISED

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Budget: Update: Spent through February \$14,378.54 Remaining \$48,481.36**
- **Grants - Update:** We did not receive the Penguin Random House Grant. Sarah applied for Yancey P. Winans. We will apply for the BMCF Warren Grant working with the Historical Society to create a local historical display to be put into the hallway. Possible materials needed may include: Shadow Boxes, reproduction and enlargement of historical pictures and wall treatments to put on the wall- while keeping the integrity of the ADA space in the hallway.
- **Main floor painting project - Update** The main floor's painting has been completed. The final bill came to \$7,624.32. Meticulous Touch gave a credit of \$200.00 for cleaning of the vents. It was suggested that we invite the City Council for an open house to see the finished paint job. The door will be done later and the Friends will be financing the refinishing of the door.
- **ADA Compliance - Update** The ADA projects have been completed with the exception of the gravel strips for the ADA parking in the rear of the building. Beka will look at what kind of stripping will satisfy the requirement. The City has given paint and a machine to apply the strips.
- **Heating for Lift Room- Update** - Louie Gagnon has talked with Charlie Barron with Walla Walla Electric and Charlie has a heater that will be given to the Library. Tom House will be doing the wiring on behalf of Walla Walla Electric and all will be a donation. When it is complete - Rebecca will write a tax letter if she is given the value of the unit and value of the work done.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Review of purchase order forms -ACTION** Rebecca Wilson motioned to approve the Purchase orders of Craft Items -\$73.50, Patron Requests and New Releases \$272.89 and Office and Operating Supply Fund - \$56.81 Marie seconded and the motion carried.
- **New Policies to Revise** - Non at this time
- **Outside Street Lighting-** At the Friends Meeting last month it was brought to the attention of the board that the light of the building is very dark. We will change the light to a LED and see if that improves the lighting.
- **Upstairs?** A discussion was started on how to handle the upstairs. If we improve the upstairs does it need to be ADA accessible? In order to maintain the upstairs what is most important? We have a list of projects. Should we start to work on some of them? Do we clean it up? Do we get an architect to give us a drawing?
- **Celebration Days** - May 17, 18, 19. Saturday after the parade the idea of Things that Go was suggested with different trucks, tractors, and machines outside the library for a draw for children to come into the library. Beka and Sarah will work on this.
- **Librarian Report: See Librarian Document for March 2024** Sara was very excited because Smokey the Bear will be joining her and a Forest Ranger to introduce “Smokey Bear Reading Challenge next Monday at school with a possible Fire Truck.

- **Next Meeting:** April 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm
- **Adjournment: 6:50 pm** Submitted by: Rebecca S. Wilson