



Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 13, 2021, 6:30 PM
Camas Public Library, 625 NE 4th AVE

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Bonnie Carter, Julie Hill, Rosemary Knapp, Christopher Knipes, Jennifer Smith, Robin Owens Webster, Jessie Wimer, Connie Urquhart

Guests: Ellen Miles, Elliot Stapleton, both of whom introduced themselves to the team.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julie made the motion to approve the April 8 Meeting Minutes. Jessie seconded her approval. There was no discussion and all Trustees are in favor. The April 8 Meeting Minutes have been approved.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

The Library received an email, addressed to Jessie Wimer, at its Library email address. It was from the president of the Board of the Camas-Washougal Kiwanis Club (they run Camp Wa-Ri-Ki on the Washougal River), requesting a meeting. The goal of this outreach is threefold: To confirm a place for the club to meet (preferably, the Library); to have a Library Staff person (Connie) attend one of their meetings to inform them of our literacy efforts, as well as those of the community; and to discuss how the club can support the Library's literacy programs and outreach. Connie has an introductory meeting with the president this coming Tuesday.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Elliott is here, and he has worked on many of the programs and activities highlighted in the report, including the *Full Spectrum Art Show*, the *Library Road Trip to Liberty Theatre* (partnering with Ellen), and he is the liaison to Susan Knilans, local bee guru, for the Library's beehive. The metrics section is a new addition to the report.

Rosemary really liked the art show and wished to send the link to a 2010 Camas High School graduate. The intent is to show the grad how things have changed regarding Camas senior projects. Rosemary also appreciated all of the statistics.

EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

In reviewing the expenditures, Julie was waxing nostalgic about Library travel, saying "It would be nice to see some in-person travel again for the Library." Connie clarified that the travel budget only covers travel for her and Danielle, but she does have the opportunity to travel to Reno in October to attend and present at an *Association for Small & Rural Libraries* conference. It will be a slightly revised version of the recent PLA webinar she gave. In addition, several Library staff will attend the national ALA conference virtually this year, but it comes from a different budget.

April Expenditures have been approved by Jessie and Julie.

COMMITTEE & LIBRARY AFFILIATE REPORTS

A. *Advocacy*

Julie's advocacy for a general book club has borne fruit, with a new club titled *Cover to Cover* which will start on June 15. It will be managed by all Library Staff, with each staff member taking a turn leading it. Connie will be helming the June meeting.

Connie attend a PLA virtual webinar on Tuesday, May 11. The topic was *Leadership During COVID-19*. The webinar went very well, with approximately 205 participants, and lots of questions. The crux of the presentation was Crisis Leadership using the five P's: Candor, Compassion, Commitment, Courage, and Communication.

B. *Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library (FFCL)*

Other than a new volunteer attending a previous fundraising meeting (who was a great fit with Evangeline) not a whole lot to report.

C. *Personnel*

Maria Martin joined the team on May 3 as a Library Associate. We are now fully staffed and everyone is in good spirits.

D. *Policy*

Nothing this month.

E. *Second Story Gallery Society (SSGS)*

Nothing this month.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Ellen's *Summer Reading Program* Presentation.

Ellen gave an in-depth view of the Summer Reading Program (SRP). *Rediscover Your Library* is this year's tagline.

B. *Read for Change*.

This program overlaps with the *Summer Reading Program*. Community Healing is the theme that was nominated by the Camas community via the Library survey. Connie connected with Trustee and avid book lover Rosemary Knapp, who recommended *Beartown*, which is the title the Library elected to go with.

Synopsis: In a Swedish community heavily invested in hockey (analogous to Camas's love of football) an incident occurs between the star football player, and the daughter of the coach, that polarizes the entire town.

The book was also made into a four-part documentary on HBO. The Library will look into licensing this to stream individually or at an event.

There is a sequel to *Beartown*, *Us Against You*. While no activities are currently planned around this book, the Library may use it as a giveaway or a springboard to other events.

In addition to *Beartown*, the following events are being planned:

- Elliot has secured a speaker from the *Humanities Washington* speaker series to kick off the event. Lecturer David Smith will present *Civil Conversation in an Angry Age*. A date and time have been confirmed.
- *The Reunited States* documentary by Van Jones and Meghan McCain. The Library is currently working to secure the rights to share this film.
- Regular book discussions groups.
- Vanessa will hold a Book-to-Art event for *Beartown*, similar to Judy's old program, in which readers of the book create artwork based on or reflective of the book.
- Several user experiences are being planned for inside the Library. These will focus on ways in which the Library can internally bring the community together. One example is the question "What do you wish your neighbor knew about you?" Answers can be written on an oversized Post-It that will be hung on the wall.
- Connie will be leading a discussion about "What does it mean to heal as a community?" She will be creating a syllabus of articles for participants to read.
- Still working on events for children and teens.
- To end this year's *Read for Change* event, the Library is hoping to bring back Alexa James, guest speaker at last year's *Read for Change* event.

C. Building Update.

There was a second flood at the Library two weeks ago, caused by a broken valve in the sprinkler system. Some new sheetrock got wet, but thankfully no new flooring had yet been installed. Updates to the system will include the installation of a sump pump, in addition to the needed repairs to the sprinkler system. This new flood will necessitate a new insurance claim.

For upcoming HVAC repairs, the Library has \$250K in its City budget, plus another \$500K allocated from the State budget. The Library needs to realize another \$250K by 2023, or forfeit the \$500K.

Please stop by when you have a chance to view the Library's beautiful hanging baskets.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Per Governor Inslee's guidelines, Washington will be fully open for business on June 30, with the state adhering to the CDC's guidelines. Everything will remain status quo at the Library until we have had time to assimilate all potential changes, and L&I recommendation have been reviewed. Staff safety is still paramount to our successful operations. Also, with the basement still "in process" we need a place for all of the things that need to be moved back there.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on June 10, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 7:43 p.m.