

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Neill Public Library Date: April 14, 2021  
Observer Reporting: Francy Pavlas Bose \*Length of Meeting: Hour and Half ?  
Members Present: Kris Boreen, Chair; Mary Jane O'Neill; Dan LeBeau; Jan Hill; Brandon Wolking  
Others Present (i.e., media, public): RJ Lott, city of Pullman Planner; Ann Parks, City Council Rep.;

The meeting was called to order with all board members present.  
Approval of March 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes, Vouchers, & Salary Warrants.

Ann Parks, **city council** representative, reported that nothing was mentioned about the library at the council meeting.

**Friends of the Library** reported 200 new members; and Joanna mentioned that the Friends of the Library “helped” the library be a library during the pandemic. A revenue generating project was suggested for the “Friends” to help Kawanis parking cars. This could possibly generate \$1000 per parking lot as earned funds to the Friends.

Also reported that the Friends Outdoor Summer Book Sale is still going forward for possibly June.

**Budget** - It was mentioned in the Financial Report that only 26% of the budget has been spent instead of the normal expenditure of 33% due mostly to the fact that 16 employees are still waiting to return to work.

The **Director's Report** is attached.

A couple of points: For each hour the library is open, the last 15 minutes the library is closed to clean and sanitize for the next hour. Curb side access is very accepting. More staff is needed, but are waiting to welcome back 16 people who are still waiting. The movement back to stage 2, by the governor, has not affected the library because it was not implementing stage 3 completely.

A new development of **Mobile Hot Spots** are being distributed on a trial basis. There are eight available. Will distribute first four, for one week; and then distribute four others the next week, to determine how people will use over the week. (This trial will monitor and measure usage.) It was suggested that the pilot could distribute to particular groups such as Senior Center; CAC; or ATVP.

Next meeting will be May 12, 2021