

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Library Board

Date: September 8, 2021

Observer Reporting: Anne Lewis

Length of Meeting: 3 pm- 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Joanna Bailey, Mary Jane Neill, Kris Boreen, Dan LeBeau

Members Absent: Jan Hill, Brandon Wolking (both excused)

Others Present (e.g., media, public): No. Also not present (that often are at meetings): Ann Parks (City Council liaison); Megan (Friends of Neill Public Library)

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

League Priority: Library Support-Fiscal & Staffing Issues

Under Budget for 3Q-Will likely have spent 85% of 30k available to spend on materials by quarter's end.

Search continues for **Youth Services Librarian**. Made an offer, candidate declined as able to negotiate a better offer with current employer. MLS was a requirement for the position. After being advised the state used to have option to test out, the city is comfortable with candidate being in process of obtaining MLS (opens up candidate possibilities). 2nd Round of Candidates being scheduled. Staffing this position is a library priority that Joanna hopes to have resolved by end of September.

Joanna is moderating a panel on **LEAN methodology** on September 21. Soon after, beginning schooling for Green belt certification in LEAN methodology. Comment: I looked up LEAN and found this – I do not know if it matches what Joanna is doing. <https://www.goskills.com/Lean-Six-Sigma/Resources/Six-sigma-belts-explained>.

No Local League Action recommended. (Unless we as an entity are interested in researching LEAN methodology).

League Priority: Library Support- Community Participation 😊

Nearly 50% increase in **new library accounts**. Includes WSU students getting Linked-In Learning Accounts.

Library now **open “full” hours** (52 of 52).

In-Person Storytimes back (have held 2 so far)- with registration, limit of participants.

No Local League Action recommended.

League Priority: Community Involvement

At least one **Board Member will be leaving** December 2021. Kris Boreen's term ends December 2021, and she is not continuing (uncertain if she has the option or if she has served max time). Mary Jane Neill's term also ends December 2021. This is her first term, and she will be asked if she wants to continue. The Library Board will discuss this Board Member need at their next meeting.

Local League Action Recommended: Make upcoming open Board Position known to membership in case someone is interested.

Process & Protocol: Very pleasant and professional group. I knew I wouldn't be visible for this meeting, but I surprisingly couldn't get my mic to work either. Joanna rescued me by saying that I was a silent Observer 😊.