

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Neill Public Library Date: March 9, 2022
Observer Reporting: Francy Pavlas Bose Length of Meeting: 3:05 to 4:23 pm
Members Present: Jan Hill; Dan LeBeau; Donna Potts; Mary Jane Neill
Others Present: Joanna Bailey—Director; Lori C. Lewis—Adm. Assist.; Ann Parks—City Council Rep.

Meeting Content:

Called to order when quorum reached. As usual, Minutes; Vouchers; and Salary Warrants were passed. Ann Parks reported that the City Council had ‘quite’ a meeting, reporting that a presentation was made by Ziply Fiber noting the problems with installation and how things will be improved.

Friends of the Library plans (which was reported by Lori Lewis) to have another ‘Big Book Sale’ on Saturday April 30th from 10 am to 4 pm in the Hecht Room. Book donations for the sale will be accepted on Thursday April 28th.

Director’s Report: See attachment. Director Joanna Bailey also gave an update on the **Jefferson painting:** According to the **Display Policy**, it is the decision of the “Librarian” how the policy is carried out. She thanked all for their input, and then responded to the three responses: Removal; Relocate to less prominent location; and request for additional educational information. Her response, *following the Policy*: There is **NO** allowance for removal; periodic relocate: in June it will rotate out as part of annual rotation; it cannot be relocated to a less prominent location due to the size; and request for additional information: **in May there is a planned increase of material about Jefferson to be added to the library.**

Art Acquisition Policy was postponed to April for possible in-person with the materials.

Board Vacancy: Ann; Mary Jane; and Dan reviewed three excellent candidates. All were very good. **Selected Katherine Watts as the next board member. Vote confirmed by all.**

Library Developments: 1. Launch **pilot Podcast:** more connection with community; filling a void; will be 20-25 minutes; book talk; opportunity to get acquainted with staff; 2. **Automatic check-out renewal** with the reinstatement of fines (discussed) 3. Discussion and vote to renew fines. After some discussion of past deliberations about fines, it was agreed to **go back to normal installation of late fines which is \$0.25 a day after one day** . The final item discussed was the **director’s proposal of a Master Plan Audit** of the Library to “get ideas for the library” regarding ongoing plans. These would be plans for the future regarding services or services and facilities improvements/needs. Two firms being considered for cost; what we can get; and types of consultant. Members are asked to research and bring ideas to the April meeting. Then there will be one month to finalize the request.

New Business: **Yearly evaluation of Joanna:** Subcommittee of Donna and Dan. Has a deadline of March 31st

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.