

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Neill Public Library Date: September 14, 2022
Observer Reporting: Francy Pavlas Bose Length of Meeting: One Hour
Members Present/Absent: Jann Hill, Chair; Mary Jane Neill; Donna Potts; Kate Watts
Others Present (i.e., media, public): Dan Owens, Library Director; Lori Lewis, Adm. Assistant,

Meeting Content.

Over the last two months when I have not been in town to attend the Library Board meeting, Dan Owens has become the Neill Public Library Director.

Neill Public Library meeting began at 3 pm with the passage of the August 10th minutes; approval of August and September vouchers and September salary warrants. There was no discussion.

City Council representative Ann Parks was not present but Jann reported that the city council is looking into 'vacant buildings' in the community.

Friends of the Library were not present, but Dan Owens reported that there is a fundraiser at Rico's with all the money collected going to Friends of the library.

Discussion on library Card funds tabled to October meeting. See attachment for Lori Lewis' financial report.

The Director reported that July was busy and there was a bump in August, but attendance at the library fell in September.

He reported that new furnishings have arrived, below budget.

The library is interviewing for an Adult Services Librarian. Four people were interviewed in the first stage.

Candidates have been narrowed to two which will be interviewed in person, possibly next week and will make an offer by the end of October.

There is also a position for a Part-time Youth Services Position. Ten applicants will be interviewed and a hire will be by the end of the month, It was noted that there were 36 initial applicants!

The Art Acquisition Policy, which is new and being administered by the Fine Arts Dept., is being reviewed by the board. (Difficult for me to follow the discussion, as I could not see the policy they were discussing/reviewing.)

Points I was able to glean: Art Coordinator would likely be the Library Director.

Board will continue to review the procedure for selecting art. Director will give feedback as will the board.

Tabled to the next meeting, Exhibit Policy needs to be reviewed and revised.

New Business:

I think there is recruitment for two new people for the board. First review by October 21st,

"Open Mike": Dan will be on panel for 'Banned Books'