

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Neill Public Library Board of Trustees

Date: July 19, 2023-----

Observer Reporting: Paul Spencer

Length of Meeting: _1 1/2 hours. ____

Members Present: Mary Jane Neill- -Chair; Keith Peterson, Ann Parks, Donna Pots. Absent /Jann Hill, Dan LeBeau, Kate Watts.

Others Present (i.e., media, public): ; Dan Owen, Library Director, Paul Slaughter, Tech. Svc. Supervisor, Lori (secretary)

Meeting Content: *Include in this section any issues discussed that relate to League priorities or positions.*

1. City Council: For the West End Development project near Pullman High School, a traffic study must be done. There is to be a new city park adjacent to the City Cemetery – The Veteran Memorial Park.
2. The friends of the Library received a \$5000 donation for blind or low vision people. The Library will work with Lilac Services for the Blind to do programs for these patrons. The donation will be used to purchase assistive devices including a better screen reader which is disability friendly, and large print books (3 x the cost of regular books). They hope to have this completed by the end of the year.
3. Director's report: June has been very busy with adults +10%, juv. -3%, Electronic Adult +16%, Juv. +10%. Juvenal summer programs are up 48%.
4. Paul Slaughter, Technical Services Supervisor gave a thorough report on the cataloguing , preparation and maintaining of books for circulation including proofreading of text for cataloging, stickers, labels, barcodes, book covers and book damage repair. This is an exacting and important part of library operation so that people can find and use the books they want.