

COLUMBIA COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, February 27, 2023

Meeting Location

Dayton Memorial Library

111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton, WA 993228

Call to order: Jay Ball called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and then turned the meeting over to the Vice-chair, Karin Spann.

Trustees present: Vice-chair, Karin Spann, Secretary Michele Smith, Treasurer Sharon Mendel, Chuck Beleny, and Chair Jay Ball who attended on Zoom.

Others present: Library Director Todd Vandembark, many members of the public, and fifteen people on Zoom.

Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2023: At the December meeting Karin Spann announced an opening on the board of trustees which she thought was for her position, and she invited people to apply through the Board of County Commissioners. In fact, Michele Smith's position ends on March 31. She has applied to the Board of County Commissioners for another five-year term.

Chuck Beleny made a motion to accept the minutes with changes reflecting a correction to a motion made by him at the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon Mendel, and it passed unanimously.

Director's report: See Todd Vandembark's report attached. Vandembark has completed his second year as the library director. He will have a self-evaluation for the trustees at the next meeting.

Financial Report: Sharon Mendel made a motion to approve Payroll Vouchers #4751 through #4799 in the amount of \$30,486.55. The motion was seconded by Michele Smith and it was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Library board training: Dr. Tamara Meredith Director of the Jefferson County Library District presented a talk on "Intellectual Freedom in Public Libraries".

Appeal to the board for reconsideration of material in the library: A patron has submitted an appeal to the CCRLD board for the book "What's the T" by Juno Dawson, and she spoke at the meeting about her concerns.

Jay Ball made a motion to reject the appeal. Michele Smith seconded the motion.

Following discussion Michele Smith, Sharon Mendel, Karin Spann and Jay Ball voted in favor of rejecting the appeal. Chuck Beleny cast the dissenting voice and the motion passed.

Public comment: People attending on Zoom, and those present at the meeting, were provided three minutes each for public comment.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p. m. by Vice-Chair, Karin Spann. The next regular meeting of the board of trustees is on March 20 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Michele Smith, Secretary