

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Jerome Public Library met in the library conference room for their monthly meeting on January 9, 2018. In attendance were Board Chair Bill Allred, Vice Chair Linda Burton, Jamie Hyatt and Director Linda Mecham. This constitutes the library board's annual meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Allred at 5:42 p.m.

Agenda was reviewed. Jamie Hyatt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Linda Burton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Linda Burton made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jamie Hyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – We are 1/3 into the new fiscal year. All line items are within the expected range. The overall expenses are at 28.7%. We have received \$178,830.14 in property taxes. This is 53% of the budgeted amount for that line item.

January 2018 bills were approved by all board members present by signature.

Director's Report:

- Statistics for the months of January were presented. Program stats are comparable to last year. The Adult Reading Challenge received 39 sign ups. We did not have a Teen special event in January and only had 2 robotics sessions. Circulation stats for January were much higher than last month as well as last year.
- The director attended a LIBRI meeting on February 2nd. The DeMary Library Board has decided to try some different procedures to reduce fines that don't include a fine free program. We would still like to have the three library boards meet to discuss LIBRI's history, how we function as a unit and where we might be going in the future. That date will be set in March.
- The director thanked the board for their feedback concerning the library's direction for the coming fiscal year. We will be planning some programming with the Senior Citizen Center. Edie is working on a plan for this.

Unfinished Business

- The Idaho Commission for Libraries contacted the director regarding specific verbiage that needs to be in the Computer Use Policy. It needs to include an internet policy that reflects the filtering we have in place. Without this wording, we may not be eligible for the Education Opportunity Resource (EOR) funding. These funds pay for the internet fees not covered by eRate. The board reviewed the changes to computer use policy that was renamed Computer Use and Internet Policy. Jamie Hyatt made a motion to accept the Computer Use and Internet Policy as written to include the filtering the library has in place. Linda Burton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- We are still looking for a new board member. Jamie mentioned that Josie King might be interested, but that their family was considering moving out of town. Another person might be Lisa Hernandez. She might be bilingual and works in the school. We are interested in having someone who might be a liaison between the schools and the library, but might also have ties with the Hispanic community. Jamie will speak to Lisa.

New Business

- As this was the board's annual meeting, the board needed to elect officers for the coming year. Linda Burton nominated Bill Allred to continue as the Board Chair. Bill accepted the nomination. Linda Burton made a motion that Bill hold the office of Board Chair for the next year. Jamie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jamie Hyatt nominated Linda Burton to continue as the Board Vice-Chair. Linda accepted the nomination. Jamie Hyatt made a motion that Linda Burton fill the office of Board Vice-Chair for the next year. Motion passed unanimously.
- The library board revisited the possibility of changing the day and/or time for the board meetings. They want to be able to accommodate the member's schedule so that they are able to attend meeting and stay for the entire meeting. They decided to have this discussion again after the new board member was on board.

Bill Allred adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.