

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 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, Trevor Churchman, Jamie Hyatt and Director Linda Mecham.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Allred at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

Financial Report – We are 3 months into the new fiscal year. All line items are within the expected range. We will begin to make more purchases in January after we receive property taxes.

December 2017 bills were approved by all board members present by signature.

Director's Report:

- Statistics for the months of December were presented. Program stats are look good even with the Christmas break. They are much higher than last year. Circulation stats are within acceptable range compared to last month and last year.
- The director is trying out a new adult reading program called Extreme Reader where the readers are asked to read 50 books in 50 weeks. The program starts next week. So far, 25 individuals have signed up. We will continue to accept participants until the end of the month.

Unfinished Business

- The board has considered offering services to the children in Hazelton and Eden during the summer. They feel that they have a responsibility to the residents of Jerome who support the library through taxes. They felt it would be appropriate to prorate a non-resident for the summer for a rate of about \$10 per household. Linda Burton made a motion that the library provide access to library material through a book mobile if interested families pay for a prorated library card for non-residents. Jamie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- The board reviewed the changes to computer use policy and general policy to reflect the proposed changes for cards for teens. Jamie Hyatt made a motion to accept the general Policy and Computer Use Policy with the proposed changes. Linda Burton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Ted Larsen's term has expired. We need to find out if Ted wants to renew his term. If not, we will need to find someone to take his place. Some individuals we discussed are: Mrs. Hernandez, Josie King, Debbie Johnson
- The library board is to create a strategic plan in February. This may be a lot to take on in a regular board meeting. The library staff has been working on a SWOT analysis. The director

would like to have suggestions from the library board as to what direction the library should take in the new fiscal year.

- At the last LIBRI meeting, a board member of the DeMary Memorial Library attended the meeting to discuss their desire to go fine free at their library. The director relayed the DeMary's reasons for this proposed change: area of poverty, shame for having a fine, thinking that a small fine keeps them from using the library. During the meeting, I made several suggestions that could change the fine situation: making phone calls or sending emails 2 days before items are due, having a bilingual individual make overdue phone calls, picking up library books at the school so that children can drop them off at school if they can't get to the library. Some problems with this proposal is that Burley has to pass an operating levy every two years. If Burley is charging fine and Rupert is not, then the perception of Burley as being punitive could make it difficult to pass this levy. Because we are a consortium, we would have to change the bylaws, as this proposal does not meet with the LIBRI bylaws. Our board feels that our patrons need to be responsible for their items and if individuals return items on time, then they are fine free. The DeMary Library Board would like to meet with the boards of Jerome and Burley libraries. When considering a days and times, our board members would prefer afternoons over mornings, and would rather not meet on Wednesdays.

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The meeting was adjourned by Bill Allred at 6:26 p.m.