



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 9, 2020, 6:30 PM
625 NE 4th Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Welcome New Board Member Rosemary Knapp.

Bonnie Carter, Shawn High, Julie Hill, Christopher Knipes, Jennifer Smith, Jessie Wimer, Connie Urquhart.

The Board introduced themselves to Rosemary, and then Ellen Miles took a group photo for the Library website.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2019.

 [Meeting Minutes December 5, 2019](#)

Julie Hill made the motion to approve the December 5 Meeting Minutes; Shawn High seconded her motion. The Board unanimously approved.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

No communications were received.

V. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Discussion of Director's Report for December 2019.

The fire in the lighting panel was discussed, including a recap of the findings and the plan moving forward to replace all four panels.

Connie also explained the ongoing issue with ebooks and the embargo of McMillan and Blackstone publishers. Publishers feel they are losing money on digital books through libraries because a library can buy one digital book that circs 26 times, which they see as 26 lost sales. As a result, publishers have limited the number of checkouts before a book is retired and needs to be

repurchased. Now, McMillan and Blackstone have taken it a step further: Libraries cannot purchase first run digital books for three months. Their thinking is that this will result in an increase in sales. This has extended waiting lists and is causing angst among library patrons. Also, it no longer provides equal access to those who cannot afford these new purchases. Concurrently, the Camas Library's digital circulation is skyrocketing, and we need to maintain our relevancy to the community.

Many libraries are boycotting these two publishers by not buying *any* new materials from them. The Washington Anytime Library, the consortium the Camas Library is a member of, is participating in a digital boycott of these publishers. The Library is not boycotting the publishers' materials in physical form.

For those wanting to engage in an active protest role, there are online letter-writing campaigns, and in the Director's Report there is a link to a petition you can sign.

The Google Business event was well-attended. If we offer the event again we need to promote it heavily because the number of registrants drives whether it's a webinar or in-person.

Shawn High appreciated the Open Data piece. Perhaps a station could be set up at the Library for residents to access this data.

VI. EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Shawn High made the motion to approve the expenditures; Jennifer Smith seconded his motion.

VII. COMMITTEE & LIBRARY AFFILIATE REPORTS

A. Advocacy

Nothing to report.

B. Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library (FFCL)

Connie Urquhart shared that two of the candidates from the latest Board of Trustees interviews are interested in joining the FFCL. One of them just happens to be a close friend of Jennifer Smith.

Jessie Wimer reported that she had not yet received one of the FFCL flyers. It turns out that they were not distributed in December as planned because of the Christmas mail surge. The team decided to wait a few months, put a final shine on them, and send them.

C. Personnel

Hannah Deslatte resigned today. She had wanted one of the full time positions at the Library but, unfortunately, there were not enough to go around. Interviews begin tomorrow for her replacement. Megan Purkeypyle has tendered her resignation. We are now looking for four part-time staffers. We celebrated Debbie's and Karen's retirements with a nice team dinner.

D. Policy

i. Draft Policy 5.1 Public Spaces and Media – This policy is still with the City attorney for review, and will be tabled until the next meeting.

ii. Draft Policy 7.1 Second Story Gallery

 [DRAFT 7.1 Second Story Gallery](#)

There were no significant changes to this policy. The content was tweaked to make it more succinct, and redundant content from the SSGS website was removed.

Shawn made the motion to approve; Jennifer Smith seconded his motion. All voted in favor.

E. Second Story Gallery Society (SSGS)

Please see update under Policy.

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. New Trustee Roles for 2020.

New roles were designated as follows:

2020 Officers

Chair	Jessie Wimer
Vice Chair	Julie Hill
Secretary	Rosemary Knapp

Julie Hill

Personnel Committee

Shawn High
Jessie Wimer

Advocacy Committee

Julie Hill
Rosemary Knapp

Policy Committee

Rosemary Knapp
Jessie Wimer

Finance Committee

Shawn High

FFCL Liaison

Jennifer Smith

B. New Trustee Goals for 2020.

Our word for the year is Advocacy. While Julie and Rosemary are our official Advocacy Committee members, we can all be ambassadors for the Library. Here are tenets and ideas:

- You don't have to be in the Library to engage in advocacy.

- Keep your eyes and ears open for City events to attend and promote the Library at.
- Think of ideas to promote the Library: For example, “Show me your Library card and win a free Dairy Queen sundae.”
- Wear your Trustee name badge more often to City events.
- Visit the Library at least once a month. Engage with patrons.
- Attend Library events and bring a friend.
- The Library has branded stickers you can hand out as the mood strikes you. We will keep you apprised of other marketing materials that can be handed out.

As the Library drafts its 2020 goals we will be more inspired, and have a better direction with which to establish our own goals.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items

X. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is February 6, 2020.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.