

Sherman County Public/School Library

January 19, 2021

A Zoom meeting of the Sherman County Public/School Library was held virtually on January 19, 2021, at 4 pm.

Present: Lowell Smith, Chair and Sherman County School Board designee
Joan Bird, Sherman County Commissioner
Sheri Carlson, community representative
Arla Melzer, community representative
Janet Pinkerton, community representative
Marylou Martin, staff
Natasha Sandquist, staff

Absent:

Guests:

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 15, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion: Sheri; Second: Janet; unanimous.

Old Business

A. Window Update

Bob Nesbit will not be doing any work on library windows. Joan had a different contractor look at library window sills. There are issues with the plywood and caulking outside of the windows. The county plans to take care of these issues.

B. Ed

Ed got an apartment at Sagewind Manor (Sherman County Senior Center) and will move in this week. He is excited and will be selling his trailer and car. Arla is helping him move. He is still looking for a washer, dryer, and lift chair. **A motion was made to keep paying Ed until an end date of June 30, 2021, with public carry-over money. Motion: Arla; Second: Janet; unanimous.**

New Business

A. Budget

The only changes to 2021/2022 Sherman County Public/School Budget are the 3% staff raises and a decrease in PERS to 23.72%. Each member was given a copy of the budget with a 1% and 2% cola and staff raise schedule that Marylou follows. Natasha is at step 6 all other staff members are at step 8. Angie Burgett is our substitute and uses support hours when she works. Joan does not know what the cola will be this year. Currently, Angie is working 8 hours a week and Natasha is working 25 hours a week so Natasha can be home more with her baby girl.

B. Employee evaluations

Natasha is working well with Jessie and teaching staff finding books that support classroom learning. Also, she has done a great job switching from in-person programs to Zoom. Jessie Flynn is the new Elementary School Librarian and took over for Deanna. Jeanne has great customer service while she handles book deliveries, flyer distribution, and grab and go craft kits throughout the county, She drives our transit books to and from The Dalles. In addition, she visits Ed and picks up his stories. Abbey got a grant for

more crafts. Her grab and go crafts have been so popular and an excellent opportunity for library programs during COVID.

C. Roof leaks

Marylou has pictures of the roof leak and would like to table this discussion until march. There are two or three leaks. Marylou will forward the pictures to Joan in an email to share at county court the following day. The last day of any leaks was in October. On a positive note, the two new windows have remained dry!

D. Library Bylaws

A copy of the Bylaws of the Sherman County Public/School Library was shared with the members. Concerns were brought up on issues communicated via email and voted on via email. It was discussed in these cases, the voting should be unanimous. Joan will check on language. Terms of membership according to Oregon State Law are 4-year terms, 2 terms, 1 year off, then reapply according to Joan. Sherman County Public/School Library Bylaws do not fit with Oregon State Law because they were amended due to difficulty filling community member positions on the board. Sherman County is looking into the bylaws of all its community organizations. Joan will check with neighboring counties how they navigate this issue and with legal advising. This topic will be ongoing.

E. Program update and Library stats

Natasha has Zoom Storytime LIVE Fridays at 10 am and Preschool Storytime in their classroom once a month. Marylou will begin Zoom Book Club next month. Abbey has delivered 831 craft kits to patrons from April through October and 190 craft kits through November and December. Arla really enjoyed the sock gnome craft kit. 15 craft kits are now being delivered to the senior center too. Thank you, Abbey! The grant money she received to make more craft kits will go through spring. Any leftover craft kits have been given to teachers for classroom use.

Other

Happy Birthday, Arla!

Next Meeting

A regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5:30 pm. Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.