

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Stacy Smith.

Board members present: Lorena Cary, Deb Dukes, Chris Nichols, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Stacy Smith

Board members absent: Ashley Mahony was absent

Also present: Lexie Walsh and Ali Schafer

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Cathy Trimble was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

COUNTY SCHOOLS FACILITY SALES TAX PRESENTATION

Cathy Trimble, the superintendent for District 50, gave a presentation on the 1% county facilities tax that will be proposed in the upcoming ballot. She explained what the tax would be applicable on, as well as how the funds were distributed and how they could be used to aid the districts and students of Washington.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CHECK REGISTER—August

- Pam Tomka asked if the library received cash back on credit card purchases. Lexie Walsh responded that it was not an option.

BUDGET WORKSHEET—August

TREASURER'S REPORT—July

- Stacy Smith inquired about a \$25,000 transfer. Lexie Walsh explained that special reserve purchases made throughout the year are taken from gen-op and then refunded from special reserves at the end of the fiscal year.

FY26 IPLAR REPORT

- Pam Tomka asked about the average number of library cards per population for comparison to WDL's numbers. Lexie Walsh replied that she did not know but would look it up.

FY26 SECRETARY'S AUDIT**HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY**

- Chris Nichols recommended cleaning up the language in the policy for clarity, as the term "user" and "patron" were used interchangeable. Lexie Walsh made the changes.

Lorena Cary made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Chris Nichols seconded the motion.

Ayes: Deb Dukes, Chris Nichols, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Lorena Cary, Stacy Smith

Nays: None

The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**CIRCULATION STATISTICS—JULY**
DONATIONS—AUGUST

Lexie Walsh gave her director's report and reviewed the circulation statistics and donations.

- Stacy Smith asked if any of the donations received for the Storywalk replacement post had come through the donation portal on the website. Lexie responded that about 1/3 of them did.
- Lexie reminded the Board that elections would take place on April 6, 2027, and that three members have expiring terms: Ashley Mahony, Pam Tomka, and Karen Williams. She stated that election packets would be available in September and that filing would be in November.

RENEWAL OF SUNNYLAND BRANCH LEASE

Lexie Walsh informed the Board that the library's attorney had cleaned up the language as requested, but no large changes had been made to the terms. In recap, she stated that the options on the table were a 3-year lease with the current terms and rent or a 2-year lease with the current terms and a slightly higher rent. The options presented and how they affect the goal of having the library's budget balanced by 2028 was discussed at length. Stacy Smith called for a motion.

Pam Tomka made a motion to renew the Sunnyland Branch lease for three years.

Lorena Cary seconded the motion.

Ayes: Pam Tomka, Lorena Cary, Deb Dukes

Nays: Chris Nichols, Karen Williams, Stacy Smith

The motion failed.

Karen Williams made a motion to renew the Sunnyland Branch lease for two years.

Stacy Smith seconded the motion.

Ayes: Karen Williams, Chris Nichols, Stacy Smith

Nays: Pam Tomka, Lorena Cary, Deb Dukes

The motion failed.

Chris Nichols once again voiced his doubts about the likelihood of being able to wind down Branch services in two or even three years if that is direction chosen to reach a balanced budget. Stacy Smith called for a motion.

Deb Dukes made a motion to renew the Sunnyland Branch lease for three years.

Pam Tomka seconded the motion.

Ayes: Lorena Cary, Deb Dukes, Pam Tomka

Nays: Karen Williams, Stacy Smith

Chris Nichols abstained from the vote

The motion passed.

REVIEW FINANCIAL FUTURE DISCUSSIONS TIMELINE

Lexie Walsh reviewed the timeline for financial future discussions and made her recommendation to the Board that a Financial Future Committee be formed. The Board discussed the timeline and how the committee would operate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

WACC REPORT

Stacy Smith reported that Five Points had reached one and a half million dollars towards their capital campaign goal.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Chris Nichols pointed out that there was still a typo in the Sunnyland Branch lease. Lexie Walsh made a note.
- Stacy Smith reminded everyone that the Fox Pub in Peoria would be holding trivia on August 27th with proceeds benefiting the library.
- Pam Tomka asked Lexie what exactly the 15% that WDL pays Five Points entails. Lexie explained that the library pays 15% of the gas and water bill to Five Points as the two are billed as a unit.
- Pam passed along a complaint about the state of the rosebushes at the Sunnyland Branch. Lexie made note but stated that landscaping at the Branch was out of library control.
- Pam also suggested that the library offer voter registration services

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT

There was no board comment.

ADJOURN

Chris Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM

Karen Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ali Schafer (Recording Secretary)

Karen Williams (Secretary)