

**WESTON COUNTY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

**May 23, 2014**

Chairman Scott Shoop called the meeting to order at 11:28 am followed by a moment of silence. Board members present were Scott Shoop, Candy Driver-Ratigan, Karen Bowman and Paul Holland. The Library Director Brenda Mahoney-Ayres and Upton Branch Manager Sherri Randall were also present.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of April 25, 2014 were read. Candy Driver-Ratigan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Paul Holland 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The May 2014 balance sheet was presented. Candy Driver-Ratigan made a motion to accept the balance sheet as presented. Karen Bowman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Weston County Library Directors Report: Brenda Mahoney-Ayres discussed the May 2014 Directors report.

The Weston County Library Foundation Basket Auction and Dinner was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Flying V Cambria Inn. Prime rib dinner was served in the dining area and the auction was held upstairs. Weston County Library employees donated a "Books Repurposed" basket. Participation was excellent and the auction proceeds totaled \$7,830.00.

Brenda attended the Lions Club meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> and presented them with information concerning the Endowment Challenge and the Weston County Library Foundation Basket Auction and Dinner.

Brenda attended the Low Vision exhibition at the Senior Center on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and provided information about services for low vision persons. Lee Bergstrom suggested a service the Library could possibly offer, would be someone reading the local newspaper once a week to those visually impaired.

Board member, Karen Bowman, and Brenda met with the Weston County Commissioners on May 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the FY2015 budget.

The children and adult summer reading program, "Fizz, Boom, Read," begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. Story time for preschool will continue every Tuesday at 11:00 am, and children ages 6 and up, will have story time on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Children's Librarian, Barrett Rich, has plans for participants to create a robot model and have a scientific detective scavenger hunt. Plans are in the works to have WCSD #1 provide transportation for children to get to and from the library on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. The highlight of the summer will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> when Curtis Mork, "The Lego Guy" presents his Lego program. Black Hills Exploration and Production have generously donated monies to assist with the summer reading program.

The statewide reading initiative, "One Book Wyoming", program is set to kick off on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The book being featured is *Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson. Of the sixteen books available, twelve of them will be linked with the BookCrossing.com website. BookCrossing is the practice of leaving a book in a public place to be picked up and read by others, who then do likewise. Books will be "released" from the library and participants may register on the BookCrossing.com website. There is the option to remain anonymous when "catching" a book. We are hoping to encourage people to continue to share the book after they have finished reading it. Circulation Services Librarian, Lisa Thomas, has created a "Longmire Trivia Quiz" for the event. Craig and Judy Johnson are scheduled for an evening at the Antler's on Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Plans are being finalized for the author portion of A Touch of Wyoming.

The WYLD Annual Meeting is scheduled for June in Casper.

The Weston County Museum will be generously sharing some of their artwork that has been in storage. It will be on display in the Library during June and July.

**UPTON LIBRARY:** Sherri Randall presented the Upton Branch May 2014 manager's report.

Sherri read to the Polka Tots daycare.

Sherri attended the Weston County Library Foundation's biennial basket auction for the Library Endowment fundraising on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Upton Branch created a chocolate and wine basket for the auction.

Flyers have been distributed throughout various locations in Upton to advertise for the summer reading program.

Posters and flyers have also been distributed to various locations for the upcoming Folk music duo, "Hungrytown". The performance will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Upton Community Center. The concert is sponsored by the Upton Branch Library and the Weston County Library Foundation. The concert is open to everyone.

The "Lego Guy", Curtis Mork, will perform at the Upton Community Center on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The first grade class visited the Upton Branch Library on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The students were given certificates thanking them for working hard on their reading during the school year. The students and teachers received a book, pencil, and information for the summer reading program.

The second grade class visited on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Upton Branch Library was awarded a grant from the Junior Library Guild that selects books for various reading levels that are then distributed on a monthly basis by subscription. Upton Branch has used Junior Library Guild subscriptions in the past for teen, kindergarten and the junior reading levels. This time, preschool reading level has been chosen. Upton Branch will receive twelve free books, (one per month), via this grant.

**WESTON COUNTY FOUNDATION REPORT:** Brenda attended the meetings on May 6<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Feedback from the auction was discussed and thank you cards were prepared.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Board Openings:** The Board discussed the upcoming Board vacancies. The Board members are currently speaking with interested persons that may want to serve on the Library Board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**June Board Meeting:** The Board discussed the date for the June meeting. Several Board members will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will not be a quorum and therefore no meeting will be held.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 PM.

The next meeting will be held July 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bowman  
Secretary