

**WESTON COUNTY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

August 22, 2014

Acting Chairman Paul Holland called the meeting to order at 11:30 am followed by a moment of silence. Board members present were Paul Holland, Karen Bowman, Becky Todd, Patricia Morgan and Jamie Gaughenbaugh. The Library Director Brenda Mahoney-Ayres and Upton Branch Manager Sherri Randall were also present.

MINUTES: The minutes of May 23, 2014 were read. Patricia Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Becky Todd 2nd. Motion Carried. The minutes of June 27, 2014 and July 25, 2014 were not presented, as there were no meetings held due to lack of quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The June 2014 Treasurer's report was presented. The Library budget is currently at 82.43% of the total budget. Karen Bowman made a motion to accept the report as presented. Patricia Morgan 2nd. Motion Carried.

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

In celebration of Newcastle's quasiquicentennial, paintings on loan from the Anna Miller Museum were on display in the meeting room for the months of June and July. The library is currently hosting a photography exhibit of Anthony Wilkening's work during August and September.

The children and adult summer reading program, "Fizz, Boom, Read," began on June 2nd through July 30th. One hundred twenty nine children and eighteen adults signed up for the program.

Adult Services Librarian, Judy Scott and Brenda attended the WYLD meetings in Casper June 12-13. Upgrades to SirsiDynix's integrated library system and WYLD governance were discussed.

Weston County Library started a service program in June that provides a volunteer to read the News Letter Journal to those with visual impairments. The group currently meets on Friday afternoons in the library meeting room at 2:30 pm. Dolly Phillips and Helen Dower are the volunteers for the service.

A Touch of Wyoming was held on June 28th in conjunction with Cambria Coal Mine Days. Author participants included Cat Urbigkit, Scott Haynes, Jeannie Hudson, Jolene Janway, Patricia Jones, Colleen Pollat, Alice Schuette, Neil Sweet, Karen Valley, Denice Wheeler, Lila Bond, Julae Peterson, and Rhonda Sedewick-Stearns. Cat Urbigkit, award winning author and photographer presented a program called "Transhumance Today." Cat later posted on her Facebook page, "Connections: A stern rancher nods his head and winks in approval. A Native American woman talks about the land that sustains us as human beings. A city-dwelling man reminisces about tying wool sacks 50 years ago. A woman gets teary-eyed as she talks about her relationships with wild animals in her ranching days. This all happened yesterday in Newcastle. I love how telling stories prompts others to share theirs with me. Our stories connect us."

Robin Fitch contacted Brenda and stated that her family was interested in contributing a gift to the library in memory of her stepfather, Tom Shockley. They will be purchasing a bench for placement under the oak tree with a plaque stating, In Memory of Tom and Delfina Shockley... They both loved books and Newcastle.

Brenda attended the Weston County Commissioners Budget Hearing on Monday, July 21st.

Brenda attended the quarterly Weston County Library Foundation Board meeting on July 8th. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14th. Hermes Consolidated aka Wyoming Refining generously donated \$10,000.00 to the Endowment program. This was submitted to the Wyoming State Treasurer for a match on July 25th. Through the Endowment interest monies, the library has been able to purchase several computers to replace the antiquated ones.

The statewide reading initiative, "One Book Wyoming", program kicked off on June 2nd. The book featured is *Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson. A total of forty-six books were distributed as part of the program. The program culminated with Craig and Judy Johnson participating in a presentation at the Antler's on July 31st. The event was well attended. Also coordinating with Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp employee, Linda Hunt, Craig Johnson was able to do a short presentation at the camp for some inmates earlier that day.

The County Budget Survey for FY2015 has been submitted to the Wyoming State Library.

Brenda attended the Newcastle City Council meeting on August 18th to receive a certificate of appreciation promoting Newcastle through various events throughout the year.

Banned Books Week is scheduled for September 21st through 27th.

The Wyoming Library Association Convention will be held September 24th through 26th in Casper.

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

The summer reading program at the Upton Branch Library ran through May 27th through July 25th. There were 131 children, teens and adults that signed up for the program. Only 35 people did not complete the program.

In June, the Upton Branch Library and the Weston County Library Foundation presented the folk music duo, Hungrytown. Hungrytown is comprised of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson from Vermont. The program was held at the Upton Community Center and 28 people attended.

The Upton Branch Library and Weston County Library Foundation also presented in June, "The Lego Guy", Curtis Monk, from Colorado. Mr. Monk brought many of his models made of Legos and told a brief history of the company. Mr. Monk also brought totes full of assorted Legos that the children were able to make their own creations. Over 70 people attended the program at the Upton Community Center.

In July the Summer Reading Program continued with a Stuffed Animal Sleepover. The children brought their stuffed animals to the library for an overnight sleepover. The stuffed animals watched movies, ate popcorn, rode the book cart and played games. When they arrived the next day to pick up their stuffed animals, the children received a craft the stuffed animal had created and a brochure with photos of the various things their stuffed animals did overnight.

For the final craft and story time for the Summer Reading Program, Sherri made cupcakes and frosting and the children decorated their own cupcakes. They also played with vinegar and baking soda and made fizzling lemonade.

In August, statistical data was gathered for the annual report for the State Library FY2014.

On September 5th, the Upton Branch will be hosting a book signing for Nicholas Trandahl and Craig Eutsler from 3 to 5 pm. Both authors have stories in a short story anthology. Coffee and cookies will be served.

WESTON COUNTY FOUNDATION REPORT: Paul Holland informed the Board that the Foundation's net assets went from \$541,000 to \$611,000 due to investments. There is \$21,000 in the checking account to spend on projects for the libraries. Paul did note that some of that money is in CD's at the two local banks in Newcastle.

OLD BUSINESS:

FY2015 Budget: Brenda informed the Board that the FY2015 budget had been submitted to the Weston County Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: The Board discussed the various positions of the Board. Becky Todd made a motion to elect Karen Bowman, Chairman of the Board. Patricia Morgan 2nd. Motion Carried. Karen Bowman made a motion to elect Patricia Morgan, Vice-Chairman of the Board. Becky Todd 2nd. Motion Carried. Becky Todd made a motion to elect Paul Holland, Secretary of the Board. Karen Bowman 2nd. Motion Carried. Becky Todd made a motion to elect Jamie Gaughenbaugh, Treasurer of the Board. Karen Bowman 2nd. Motion Carried.

WLA Convention: Brenda spoke with the Board about the Wyoming Library Association Convention that will be held September 24th through 26th and would like to close the library and have the full time employees attend the training/convention. Karen Bowman made a motion to close the library from September 24, 2014 through September 26, 2014 to allow the Weston County Library employees to attend the Wyoming Library Association Convention. Becky Todd 2nd. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

The next meeting will be held September 26, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bowman