



Flag Pole Raising at Yale Library  
R-L Rob Starr, Julie Starr, Bob  
Boyd, Barb Boyd and Cynthia  
McAllister

## Yale Valley Library District

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Regular Meeting / Virtual

February 10, 2022

Attendees: Yale Valley Board of Trustees: Eric Reese, Bob Appling, Cynthia McAllister, Tina Moir and Kathi Wheeler

FVRL: Amelia Shelley, Carrie Greenwood, and Jennifer Huaun

Citizens: Mariah-Stoll Smith Reese

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Eric Reese at 6:00pm.
2. The agenda was approved. Wheeler/Appling The agenda was approved by all trustees present.
3. Introduction & Welcomes/Chair Announcements: Eric welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. He announced that the property behind the library, which had been home to squatters, has been sold to a property development company in Battleground. The squatters have been removed and an excavator is cleaning up the property. This is good news for the library and the school! Eric reminded the board that his tenure on the board will end in July and everyone needs to consider finding his replacement.
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. November 11, 2021 Minutes: Wheeler/Moir Appling was not present at the meeting. The minutes were approved by all trustees that were present at the November meeting.
  - b. December 9, 2021 Minutes: Appling/Wheeler Reese was not present at the meeting. The minutes were approved by all trustees that were present at the December meeting.
  - c. Moir reviewed the bills. The final retainage was paid to Pacific Tech . This is the final payout on the building
5. Financial Report: Carrie Greenwood reported that January investments earned \$165.00. Property taxes paid were \$598.00. Timber revenue was \$61.00. The board discussed reviewing our Capital Reserves at the April board meeting. The final fee to Pacific Tech \$49,482.59 was paid. Bills to SpaceSaver for \$1,936.52 and Home Depot for \$17.22 were paid and will bring our Capital Reserve to a low of approximately \$12,500.
6. Art Display and Loan Agreement: Wheeler presented the offer from former trustee, Liz Kennedy to loan two lithographs to hang in the library for 1 year, starting on the day they are hung. The

lithographs are by Alaskan artists Jacques and Mary Regat of Anchorage, Alaska. The lithographs are titled "Dance with the Umialik" and "The Woman Who Dwells at the Head of the River". Discussion followed. Amelia Shelley suggested a value is needed so we could place a rider on our insurance policy for the duration of the loan. Also we should purchase the locks for the Art Rail system Jay installed last year. Wheeler said she would investigate both issues and update Amelia and Carrie. The board approved the loan. Wheeler/Moir The art loan was approved by all trustees present.

7. Wheeler presented the draft wording for indentifying the Founding Board of Trustees for the Yale Valley Library District. Julie Starr has agreed to make the plaque to hang in the library. There was a correction in the spelling of McAllister. It was corrected.
8. Activity Boards: Wheeler explained that she requested the inclusion of activity boards on the agenda with the idea that the board might consider a purchase. However, recently, the Friends of Yale Valley voted to purchase one. Jennifer is considering which to order. Wheeler felt it was important enough for the board to still hear about the educational value of the activity boards. A discussion of various activity boards followed. Wheeler suggested that our district might rotate panels. Amelia noted that the library (FVRL) owns several Burgeon Group boards and perhaps we could arrange a sharing option. Also she suggested a mirror for young children. All of these suggestions will be discussed and hopefully acted on.
9. Nexus: The Nexus Company is the fiber optic company working with the Port of Woodland. The company has approached the library district to consider a 20 foot pole to be used at a 'repeater' that would supply internet service to Campers Hideaway across the lake. The library is the only site in the valley that has the proper fiber optics to connect the system. The board is interested and would like to know more about pole and if there would be compensation. This will be discussed at the April meeting.
10. Yale School Path: Amelia reported that Yale School has installed the gate for the children to cross the driveway and into the library. Gravel was place in the walk way and the brush was removed. The school children will begin visiting the library on the first Thursday of March. (March 3, 2022) Everyone is excited that we are getting back to some normalcy.
11. Covid Update: Amelia reported the February 18, 2022 the governor will lift the mask mandate. A week after that the mandate will be lifted for indoor public spaces.
12. Branch Manager Report, Jennifer Huan: Jennifer reported that the number of patrons visiting the library and seeking library cards is increasing. She feels that when the Yale School children return to the library, they will be followed by their parents. There has been no evidence of misuse of the library inside or out. One vehicle was towed at the owner's expense. Black History Month is on display at the library. Many books are on display and available for checkout. The Bookmark Contest is underway for children in grades K-12. Check online for forms and information. Mariah Stoll-Smith Reese reported that her sister and children were in the Community Room accessing the internet during the unattended time for the library. A woman came to the door and wanted in to use the bathroom. She did not have a library card. Stoll-Smith Reese suggested some kind of signage that lets people know that they cannot enter the library during the unattended times without a library card hours.
13. Citizens Comments: None
14. Board Comments: Wheeler commented that she is concerned about the water situation in general and particularly in relationship to landscaping. Perhaps a discussion of water could take place at the next meeting. Moir noted that the bathroom water is still making quite a racket! It

was noted that an engineering firm is scheduled to visit for checkup! Wheeler said there is a need for frames for some educational poster she received from the Clark Conservation District. The posters are all about pollinators. She will work with Jennifer to procure some frames through the Yale Friends. Wheeler said she may miss the April meeting due to the goat kidding season at her farm. The board may need a substitute secretary. Lastly, Wheeler would like to thank the Yale Board, Barb and Bob Boyd for spearheading the purchasing of the flag pole. Also the Boyd's help in receiving a flag from the local Veterans organization. Thank you also to the volunteer work of Jay McCuiston, Seth Clement and Pete Pádrico for cementing, installing and erecting the pole. It is a wonderful sight and we all should be very proud of their work. .

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm. Wheeler/Appling The motion was approved by all trustees present.

Respectfully Submitted by YVLD Secretary, Kathi Wheeler

Presiding Officer,



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