

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Witt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included: Carolyn Witt, Doug Holdmeyer, Joette Reidy, Sue WehmueLLer, Gretche Pettet, and Leanne Gisburne.

Joette moved that the agenda be approved. Motion seconded by Gretchen and the motion carried.

Sue moved that the minutes of the October Meeting be accepted. Motion seconded by Joette and the motion carried.

### **November 2024 Director's Report**

- **Friends of the Library**

- Friends of the Library have reworked their logo and are moving forwards on plans for an increased electronic presence.
- Friends are supporting the Library's public computer overhaul

- **Statistics and Collections**

- October 2024 Statistics are attached.

- **Patron Behavior**

- Minor incidents only since the last board meeting.
- During the cold weather, we expect an uptick in those seeking shelter during the day. It has been a handful of people, so far.

- **Facilities**

- HVAC Update – the NAU air intake needs sensors/controls added. The Vendor is working with the NAU company on the solution. (The unit is under warranty, so we have to follow company procedures.)
- Thanks to the WHS National Honor Society for sending 20 volunteers to the library on Sunday to help with decorating.

- **Fiscal Year**

- By Mid-October the financials will be finalized in time to do the State Library Statistical Report.

- **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- The last celebration event was November 15 – a yuletide party at the City Auditorium featuring the glow-in-the-dark bubbles from the bubble bus. This is a family-friendly, Friday-night party, and an opportunity to wear costumes.

- **Smithsonian Exhibit 2025-2026**

- We are creating an initial program plan by December 2024. MO Humanities will start advertising the program. The Smithsonian Exhibit does not arrive in Washington until December 2025.

- **Past Programs**

- Halloween Scavenger Hunt, Thursday October 31, 8:00am – 8:00pm
- Yule Ball Gala, Friday November 15, 6:30pm – 8:00 pm
- Honoring Heartache Through the Holidays, Tuesday November 19, 6:30 p.m..
- Shaw Nature Reserve w/ Director Quinn Long, Thursday November 21, 6:30 p.m.

- **Future Programs**

- Turkey Bingo, Wednesday November 27, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Winter Reading Challenge, Starts December 1 and runs through February
- Gingerbread House Workshop, December 3, 6:00 p.m.
- Mediterranean Diet, December 19, 6:00 p.m.
- Countdown to Noon with Bluey, December 31, 11:30 am – 12:30pm

- There will be a staff Christmas Party the last Friday in December.
- Working on weeding old books to make room for new additions

Gretchen moved that the director's report be accepted, seconded by Doug. The Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

- No Unfinished Business

### **New Business**

- Proposed TIFF on Fifth Street discussed

There being no further business, Gretchen moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Leanne. The Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 27, 2025