

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12TH, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Jerome Public Library met in the library conference room for their monthly meeting on November 12, 2019. In attendance were Board Chair Bill Allred, Board Vice Chair Linda Burton, Trevor Churchman, Lydia Cosio, Sarah Sandridge and Director Linda Mecham.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Allred at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of minutes – Trevor Churchman made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes as written. Sarah Sandridge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report –In the first month of our new fiscal year, we have received only 3,181.12 of the anticipated revenues. Regarding expenditures, we have spent 5.9% of the amount budgeted. We discussed what the financial report should look like. It was suggested that the director create a cover sheet outlining the bottom line and provide the detailed revenue/expenditure report for reference.

October 2019 bills were viewed by all board members present and acknowledged by signature. Trevor Churchman made a motion to approve the October 2019 bills. Linda Burton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- The circulation statistics were consistent with that of last year and showed an increase over last month.
- We continue to see increased usage of the library app. Last month, 61 new devices used the app. There were a total of 785 app launches in the month of October up from 740 launches in August.
- The Burley Public Library will be seeing some changes in the months ahead. The library director will be retiring. She has been the director for 20 years. Also, their board chair for the last 15 years will be resigning as she accepts the position on the city council. We discussed how some of the changes could impact our library as we are part of the consortium. The biggest concern would be that of the override levy which has be on the ballot every 2 years. We will be watching for trends over the next two years as the new election approaches.

Unfinished Business

- Review of the bylaws was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

- Lydia Cosio will be moving to Twin Falls soon. This means there will be a vacancy that needs to be filled. We would very much like to have a board member who can connect with our Latino community. Lydia's participation at the Fall Fiesta shows there is a need to have someone on the board who can reach out to this demographic. The board will bring suggestions for a possible replacement to the next meeting.

Bill Allred adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.