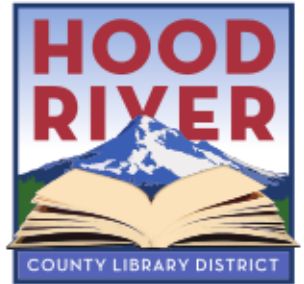


**Board of Directors**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 7.00p  
Jeanne Marie Gaulke Community Meeting Room  
502 State St, Hood River  
Jean Sheppard President



Present: Jean Sheppard, Megan Janik, Sara Marsden, Karen Bureker (conference call) Rachael Fox (staff)

**I. Additions/deletions from the agenda (ACTION)** Sheppard

Board President Jean Sheppard called the meeting to order 7:07pm. Janik moved to approve the agenda as presented. Marsden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. Actual or potential conflicts of interest** Sheppard

None stated.

**III. Consent agenda (ACTION)** Sheppard

**i. Minutes from November 21, 2017 meeting**

Attachments: III.i. Minutes from November 21, 2017 meeting

Marsden moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Burkner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Open forum for the general public** Sheppard

None present.

**V. Reports**

**i. Friends update** Fox

There was nothing to add to the written report.

**ii. Foundation update** Fox

There was nothing to add to the written report.

**iii. November financial statements** Fox

Attachments: Vi.iii. November financial statements

There was nothing to add to the written report.

**iv. Director's report** Fox

In addition to the written report, there were the following updates.

- A Cascade Locks patron with a severe mental disabilities was trespassed indefinitely from the library district for masturbating in the Cascade Locks Library. No other patrons were present and a male staff member reported the incident to police.
- A Hood River patron who was trespassed indefinitely last year for aggressive behavior towards staff returned to the Hood River Library. The police escorted him off the grounds with no incident and he has not returned.

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- I will be taking a vacation December 26-29. Assistant Director Arwen Ungar will be in charge of the District.
- There is a staff member who was injured at work shelving library materials and is currently on light duty and covered by Workman's Compensation.
- The Special Districts Association of Oregon conducted a safety inspection and training at the Hood River Library. I will report the findings at the next board meeting.

## **VI. Previous business**

### **VII. New business**

#### **i. Special Districts Ethics training video**

Sheppard

There board decided to wait until the next session to watch the training video since one member was absent and another was on the phone.

#### **ii. Budget discussion – Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance**

Sheppard

The board will discuss the issue further at a budget committee meeting.

#### **iii. Dental insurance renewal (ACTION)**

Sheppard

Shepard asked the annual difference between Guardian and Sun Life. Fox reported the difference is \$1,670.76. Fox stated Sun Life covers 80% of most services and has less providers in the Gorge, while Guardian covers 100% of most services and has more providers. Sheppard stated the District will have to explore other options next year, if the rates for Guardian continue to increase at the current rate. Fox agreed. Janik moved to approve the Guardian renewal. Marsden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **iv. Hood River County Reads discussion**

Sheppard

The board discussed concerns raised about the Hood River County Reads 2018 book Moreno Prieto Brown by Alejandro Jimenez. Several high school teachers highly recommended the book to the Hood River Reads Committee. Sheppard stated the author Jimenez attended school in Hood River Valley and had difficulty and possible abuse from his teachers. Jimenez named a teacher in his book by her real name, although spelled slightly different and named Mrs. instead of Miss. The teacher currently lives in Parkdale. Superintendent of the Hood River County School District Dan Goldman expressed concern for distributing the book in the schools with a teacher being named who can not defend themselves. Fox dropped off a copy of the book for his review. Sheppard stated the stance of the library would not ask the author to censor their materials. The rest of the Board members agreed.

The Board discussed it could be a healing experience with the teacher. Marsden stated what if she denies it. Sheppard stated that is a possibility the author could have made up the situation or exaggerated. Bureker says in this political climate victims are speaking out. At this point, the Board decided to not make any decisions and watch how the situation unfolds.

Fox and Sheppard have contacted Goldman to set up a meeting to discuss the issue further. Sheppard will provide an update at the next board meeting.

### **VIII. Agenda items for next meeting**

Sheppard

- Supplemental budget
- Audit presentation
- Staff presentation – Bilingual Outreach Specialist Yeli Boots
- SDAO – Ethics video

## **IX. Adjournment**

Sheppard

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

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Other matters may be discussed as deemed appropriate by the Board. If necessary, Executive Session may be held in accordance with the following. Bolded topics are scheduled for the current meeting's executive session.

ORS 192.660 (1) (d) Labor Negotiations

ORS 192.660 (1) (e) Property

ORS 192.660 (1) (h) Legal Rights

ORS 192.660 (1) (i) Personnel

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