

THE DALLES-WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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MINUTES LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

April 1, 1980

Meeting began at 7:40 p.m.

Present were Chairman Anne Turner, Boardmembers Kathy Cogswell and Marge Foley, and Librarian Richard Wagner.

The Minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

Dick Wagner reported that the Antelope Cafe has been closed since last winter and that the owner can not be contacted by mail or by telephone. Since no other suitable site is available for a book station in Antelope and since area residents are being served by a direct mail program, Dick Wagner suggested that the station be closed permanently. Kathy Cogswell moved that the station be closed permanently and Marge Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. It was suggested that the library publicize the books by mail service to the area. Dick Wagner agreed to do so. It was also suggested that it might become necessary to obtain a court order to enter the Antelope Cafe in order to retrieve Library property if it continued to be impossible to make some arrangements with the owner. No action was taken on this suggestion for the present time.

Dick Wagner requested permission to have a doorway installed in the Library Staff room so as to provide direct access from the second floor to the roof. This would facilitate access to the roof for maintenance, emergencies (fire, snow removal, etc.) and would double as an emergency exit. At present the only exit from the second floor is a single narrow stairway. Marge Foley moved that the doorway be installed and Kathy Cogswell seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved contingent upon Dick being able to find the necessary funds.

Librarian Dick Wagner reported that due to financial stringencies in the proposed library budget for 1980-81 it would probably be necessary to further reduce library services. Some of the options are to reduce purchases of library materials (books, magazines, etc.) drastically in order to retain temporary staffing and maintain the current hours of service or to eliminate part time employees in order to minimize the impact on the book budget even though this would necessitate a reduction in hours, or to reduce maintenance costs (janitor, repairs, supplies) and reallocate the savings to books and temporary staff. The Board asked the Librarian to present figures on potential costs/savings of the various alternatives at the next meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Dick Wagner reported that the library should be prepared for major reductions

