

THE DALLES-WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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MINUTES

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

May 6, 1980

Attending: Boardmembers Anne Turner, Marjory Foley, Jacqueline Gutensohn, and librarian Richard Wagner.

Meeting began at 7:37 P.M.

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3. Librarian reported that he was still unable to gain access to the Antelope Cafe in order to remove library materials from the library deposit there but had been told that new owners would open the cafe at the end of the school term and he could remove the books then.
4. There being no business to conduct the remainder of the meeting was devoted to an informal discussion of the prospects for the library in the 1980-1981 fiscal year. Dick Wagner reported that if revenue sharing was not extended it would mean the loss of the entire book budget and probably magazine budget as well. Reducing part time help could offset loss to magazine budget but nothing could be done about book budget. Any reduction in staffing, part time or temporary, would necessitate reductions in hours and services. He recommended that if staff reductions became necessary the maintenance position should be eliminated. A minimum maintenance program could be retained using a janitorial service and/or part time employees. The savings from this cut could be used to save the magazine budget and still provide for a very small book budget which could be used for high demand or essential books. He said he was very much opposed to any reduction in clerical staff except as a last resort.

Dick Wagner also reported that funding from the County was uncertain at this time. He said that if the library did not receive funding from the County next year it would be disastrous. Among the possible effects of loss of County funding would be reducing the staff to two employees, discontinuance of all service to other libraries, discontinuance of interlibrary loan services, imposition of non-resident fees on all borrowers from outside the City, reduction or elimination of Meeting Room facilities, reducing building operation (heating, cooling, lighting) to a maximum of 45 hours per week, reducing hours of service to a

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