

THE DALLES-WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

East Seventh Place and Court Street

The Dalles, Oregon 97058

January 7, 1977
Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Attending were Meg Smith and members Irma Matthew, Ann Turner, Jim Kruba and Librarian Richard Wagner.

1. December minutes were approved as submitted.
2. Dick Wagner reported that problems had resulted from having a two week loan period for new fiction books and a four week loan period for the rest. Some of these problems included: (1) confusion for patrons who would forget that books checked out on the same day were to be returned on different dates; and (2) problems in record keeping and filing for the library. Board members agreed that the loan period should be uniform and decided on a two week loan period for all books which will go into effect immediately. In this way there could be positive turnover and a minimum waiting period for materials in high demand. The fact that patrons living a long distance from the library can return their books to one of the branches was a deciding factor in this decision. The present renewal policy and fine system were discussed but no action was taken.
3. A letter from Mr. Peter Byrne regarding using part of the Peter Binford Trust money to purchase a file of materials relating to the Bigfoot was discussed. Meg Smith and Irma Matthew objected to this proposal on the grounds that it was too much money to spend on one subject. As an alternative Meg Smith suggested buying several copies of his new book when it is published. The rest of the board members agreed.
4. Dick Wagner passed out copies of the annual report for the year ending June 30th. It was agreed that the budget for next year can't be determined at this time since personnel expenses are undetermined.
5. The board adjourned at 8:50 p.m.