

# Agenda

## Warrenton Community Library Board Work Session & Special Meeting

January 11, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.  
Warrenton City Commission Chambers  
225 South Main Ave., Warrenton, OR 97146

### WORK SESSION

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Recognition of guests
4. Public comment
5. Discussion items
  - A. Joint discussion with Friends of the Warrenton Community Library:  
Operations levy on May 2023 ballot
6. Adjournment

### SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Recognition of guests
4. Public comment
5. Consent calendar
  - A. Regular Meeting Minutes 12.14.22
6. Action items
  - A. Local option levy recommendation
7. Good of the order
8. Adjournment

## Minutes

### Warrenton Community Library Board Regular Meeting

December 14, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.  
Warrenton City Commission Chambers  
225 South Main Ave., Warrenton, OR 97146

1. Call to order: Kelsey opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.
2. Roll call: Kelsey Balensifer, Karyn Grass, Amanda Donovan (through Zoom), and Eileen Purcell. Also attending: City Manager Esther Moberg. Unable to attend: Joy Wheatley-Decius and Dawn DeLacey.
3. Recognition of guests: Dave Zunkel, Vice Chair of the WCL Friends group and Ethan Meyers of the *Daily Astorian*.
4. Public comment: There was no public comment.
5. Consent calendar
  - A. Regular Meeting Minutes 9.14.22: Kelsey asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September quarterly meeting. Karyn moved to approve the minutes, Eileen seconded, and all approved.
6. Discussion items
  - A. Library report: Cass Williams submitted a library report in lieu of the regular director's report. Cass has been keeping the library afloat until a new director is hired.
  - B. Friends Group update: Free books were distributed at the Fall Festival held in the Warrenton City Park. There were two Library After Dark events in October and November and the January and February events are already scheduled. The Friends and the Board will schedule a joint meeting in January to discuss moving forward with the May ballot to pass the levy.
  - C. Board member vacancies: The City Commissioners approved Brenda Atwood to the position last held by Natalie Duggan; unfortunately, she is sick this evening and cannot attend. There is still one board vacancy due to Dawn not reapplying. She has work and family commitments that are limiting her available time. Amanda renewed her position for another term. There is an application available on the city website for those who are interested. We are a seven-member board.

D. Operations levy: We discussed with disappointment the failure of the November levy to pass. The final vote count determined it failed to pass by 71 votes. We discussed recommending the current rate of \$.33, down from the \$.38 on the November ballot. The \$.38 would allow for additional staffing while the \$.33 will maintain current levels. County-wide there was a 65% voter turnout rate. Some Facebook posts cited increased taxes as a factor in the negative outcome. The Library levy will be the main focus of the May special ballot. We talked about the Astoria Library levy outcome and how the ADA compliance issue played a central role in its passage. The failure to pass has generated more articles and awareness of how the WCL is funded solely through the levy. Esther speculated that the May ballot will generate lower turnout and will be decided by a close vote. We need to focus on turning out “yes” voters, perform outreach to those who are supportive but who do not use the library, and devise a clear message that the library will close without passage of the levy. Esther will look for grants that may help market the message. The Friends will meet December 15 to develop strategy going forward. The deadline for the City to submit is February 24, 2023.

8. Good of the order: Esther mentioned the donated sign hasn't yet been hung due to staff shortages. One application has been received for the position of Youth Services. We will be informed soon about the January joint meeting with the Friends.

9. Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 6:00 p.m.

*Meeting Minutes were taken and recorded by Eileen Purcell, Board Secretary.*