The August meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Jim Brucker. Board Members Dawn Clark, Gail Huntley, Jennifer Maydole, Alec McKay, and Deborah Moore were present. Dean Marney, Executive Director, Dan Howard, Director of Public Services, Marilyn Neumiller, Associate Director, Sue Dewitz, Finance Manager, Dixie Taylor, Payroll Manager, Angela Morris, Children’s Services Manager and Anne Brangwin, Administrative Assistant were present as well.

The Agenda and Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Director’s Report included Personnel, Litigation, KOHA and Branches. Joelle Heikkila had been hired for the part-time position at the Quincy Library. The Wellness Committee has met and is pursuing plans to promote the new Washington Counties Insurance Fund wellness initiatives. High rates of participation will reduce NCRL’s insurance premiums for 2013. Marney responded to an article by Thersa Chmara of the Freedom to Read Foundation. His response will be printed in the next edition of American Libraries as a letter-to-the-editor. It has been eight month’s since NCRL converted to KOHA as it’s integrated library computer system. There have been few problems and the opportunities for increased services keep growing. NCRL has switched fire security companies at the Distribution Center. The new company is Corban Security in Wenatchee. Portions of the interior at the Distribution Center have been repainted.

Two Hundred people attended the raptor presentation at the Omak Library on July 17th. The Okanogan Wildlife League put on the program. The 2012 Summer Reading Program Dream Big Read! has been one of NCRL’s best. Two of the most popular programs offered were The Space Odyssey show by the Pacific Science Center and The Lorax and Sneeches and other Stories by Dr. Suess presented by the Book-It Theatre. An eBook petting zoo was held at the Distribution Center on July 16th. Marney and Howard presented a workshop on the case at the Pacific Northwest Library Association on August 3rd. Howard and Marney met Chelan area architect Larry Hibbard to discuss shelving, meeting room space, and security surveillance equipment that will be installed at the new Chelan Library. Howard is working with a vendor to create a shelving plan for the new George Library. The bookmobile had the turbo replaced, which was covered under warranty.

Resolution 12-03: Cancellation of Outstanding Warrant. The resolution requires the cancellation of warrants not presented for payment within one year of date of issue. Moore moved that warrant #108412 be cancelled. Maydole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
A Financial Report including fund balances, a listing of bills to be paid, and payroll for the month of July was presented. Fund Balances at the Chelan Country Treasurer as of July 31, 2012 were as follows: General Fund $11,749,265.41, Automation Fund $484,034.32, Facility Improvement Fund $431,193.03, Payroll Fund $1,220,999.96 and Endowment Funds $459,785.71. Maydole moved that voucher’s #57390 through #57496 in the amount of $380,328.00 and payroll in the amount of $306,011.47 be approved for payment. Huntley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The board then reviewed expenditures from the Endowment Funds. Moore moved that voucher’s #0131 through #0133 in the amount of $12,940.55 be approved for payment. McKay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The board discussed the Children’s Room project at the Wenatchee Branch. The project was recently opened for the submission of bids for the construction of the project. Three construction firms submitted bids. The lowest bid was from Whitebird Construction for $360,000.00. Clark moved for the board to approve the bid. Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board meeting broke into executive session at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the appointment of the new Executive Director. It reconvened at 2:10 p.m. Moore moved to appoint Dan Howard as Executive Director effective January 1, 2013. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th, 2012 at the Distribution Center, Wenatchee Washington.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dean Marney, Executive Director

Jim Brucker, Chairperson