

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON JANUARY 28 AT THE MAIN LIBRARY AT 9:00AM

PRESENT: Jane Lopp (Chair) Kim Crowley (Library Director)
Kristi Hatfield (Trustee) Karen Marr (Minute Clerk)
Connie Leistiko (Trustee) Martha Furman (Teen Services Librarian)
Laura Long (Trustee) Connie Behe (Branch Services Librarian)

ABSENT: Terry Petersen (Vice Chair)

WELCOME: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 am and welcomed those present.

OPEN TIME FOR PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: No one spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board Meeting, Thursday, December 3, 2009 (Action)

MOVED BY C LEISTIKO, "that the minutes from the regular meeting on December 3, 2009 are approved as written."

SECONDED BY L LONG

CARRIED

REPORTS:

A. Financial Report – Marr

1. The County closed the books for FY09 on January 12, 2010.
2. Final June, 2009 financial report shows the transfer of \$61,744.02 into Fund 4020, Library Depreciation Reserve Fund.
3. Since the November VISA bills did not get posted by the finance department in December, adjustments have been made to account for the \$7,000 in expenses.
4. Crowley would like to use \$5,000 from the Library Depreciation Reserve Fund (4020) to supplement the funds received from the Mary Lagoni Trust for Main Library upgrades.

MOVED BY L LONG, "to accept the Financial Report for the month of June, 2009."

SECONDED BY K HATFIELD

CARRIED

MOVED BY L LONG, "to accept the Financial Report for the month of December, 2009."

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

CARRIED

MOVED BY L LONG, "to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 for meeting room furniture from the Library Depreciation Reserve Fund (4020)."

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

CARRIED

B. Director's Report – Crowley

1. November & December Statistics
 - a. Checkouts for the month of December were up 12% over December of last year and building traffic was up 4%.
 - b. Five year historical checkouts increased systemwide 52% in November.
 - c. Five year historical checkouts increased systemwide 58% in December.

2. Correspondence
 - a. Mosteller letter—the Board reviewed the letter of Jan 7, 2010, from Rosella Mosteller and the letter of Jan 19,2010 from Board Chair, Jane Lopp in response.
 - b. Ferne Cohen Celebration of Life—Ferne Cohen was a long time volunteer at the Whitefish Branch Library as well as many other organizations in the community. Lopp & Crowley plan to attend the Celebration of her Life on Saturday, January 30, 2010 to be held at the O'Shaughnessy Center, Whitefish, Montana at 4:00 pm.
 - c. MSL Certification Program
 1. Crowley explained the certification program for the trustees and reviewed the form for tracking of CE credits.
 2. Trustees must attain 15 CE credits in a four year period to be certified.
 3. The Trustees will be invited to attend any all-staff meetings when a program is being presented that qualify for CE credits.
 4. Nancy Callan (CF) and Jocelyn Abel-Johnston (WF) have recently completed their CE credits for certification through the Montana State Library.
 5. The Board will send letters of congratulations to Callan and Johnston.
 - d. Mary Drew Powers' *Final Report and Recommendation for Dewey 940 – 994 Adult Collection 12-2009* was included in the Board packet. Crowley stated that Powers did an excellent job on this project and Rishara Finsel will be purchasing some of the suggested replacement materials noted in the report. Powers will graduate in March, 2010 from the University of Washington with her Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS).
 - e. Approximately 300 responses to the survey regarding locations for a new Main Library have been compiled. So far the preferred location is the property at 3rd Ave E and Center Street.
 - f. Planning for Results 2010
 1. Crowley and Connie Behe presented Mid-Columbia Public Library System's *Strategic Planning for Success* document.
 2. Although the FCLS Plan of Service expires this year demographics have not changed significantly. Therefore the service responses can be reworded and re-adopted.

g. Salary Survey

Crowley reported on the 2009 Minot Public Library Salary survey. She is using this survey as well as data from other large public libraries in Montana to evaluate comparable positions at FCLS.

C. Flathead Library Foundation Report – Leistiko, Crowley

1. The Flathead County Library Foundation is planning a fund raising soiree on March 18, 2010 at the Main Library from 5:30 until 8:00 pm.

MOVED BY K HATFIELD, “to approve the early closure of the Main Library for the Foundation event on March 18, 2010”.

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

CARRIED

2. Leistiko said she suggested to the Foundation to consider using funds for a capital campaign coordinator rather than hiring a new director.
3. It was suggested that Leistiko and Lopp meet with Roy Beekman, Foundation President and co-chair of the Facilities Committee to discuss next steps.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Montana Supreme Court decision re: Butte Silver Bow Public Library (discussion)

The Board reviewed the Montana Supreme Court’s decision affirming the district court’s grant of summary judgment in favor of the Butte-Silver Bow Library Board of Trustees. The court soundly rejected the county’s argument that the Butte Library does not qualify as a “public library” under Montana Law, relying specifically on the “heretofore established” language in 22-1-314 MCA. The court found the Library Board, and not the County, has the authority to set the salaries and compensation of Library employees.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Teen Services – Furman

Martha Furman, Teen Services Librarian, presented the program “Serving Teens in Public Libraries: an Investment in the Future.” Among other things, she explained how important libraries are to teens and how important teens are to the library.

- B.** Crowley announced a concert that will be held at the Main Library on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. featuring Silver Roots a violin and flute duo from New York City.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 25, 2010 at 9:00a.m. at the Whitefish Branch Library, 9 Spokane Avenue