



4. **Whitefish Relocation plan update** – Relocation of the materials currently located in the Whitefish Branch Library will begin the first week of April. Materials will be gradually relocated to minimize the impact on customers. Rishara Finsel reviewed a detailed collection analysis of the Adult Nonfiction collection housed at the Whitefish Branch. This same report was presented to the City of Whitefish representatives at the meeting on 3-17-11. The staff has recommended a closure date of June 18, 2011 to allow sufficient time to vacate the premises at 9 Spokane Avenue by June 30, 2011 when the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Whitefish terminates.

### **C. Whitefish Branch Committee Report – Leistikio**

Leistikio gave a detailed report on the past two meetings, February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>, with the City of Whitefish Representatives and the Flathead County Library System Whitefish Relocation Committee (Connie Leistikio, Laura Long, Kim Crowley, and Rishara Finsel). City of Whitefish Representatives have referred to the meetings as “negotiations” with some sort of amendment of the Interlocal Agreement in mind. The Flathead County Library System representatives agreed to continue the meetings, after the Whitefish City Council vote to terminate the Interlocal Agreement, with the idea that these meetings would be informational communications and make the process smoother of FCLS vacating the building and the City of Whitefish starting a new library. The idea was to also have the meetings serve as a vehicle for resolving problems as they arose.

Leistikio indicated the Flathead County Library Board of Trustees is restrained by the Interlocal Agreement and Montana State Statutes. Montana law gives the FCLS Board exclusive control over the expenditure of funds, the operation and care of the libraries within its jurisdiction, and the Board can buy, sell, and dispose of library assets as necessary to meet library needs. The Interlocal Agreement in effect designates the entire collection as belonging to the Flathead County Library System.

The City of Whitefish wants to retain most of the collections currently housed at the Whitefish Branch. The Committee will not recommend that as being in the best interest of the Flathead County Library System. Items which might be recommended to remain at the Whitefish Branch are: items that were memorials to Whitefish residents with book plates; books identified through book plates as purchased with Whitefish Community Center Funds; the \$6,900 still remaining in the Whitefish Community Center Fund; books remaining from the 1976 library consolidation; and perhaps other materials to be sold to the City of Whitefish for a nominal fee. The staff estimates that all of these items might account for approximately 50% of the existing collection.

Leistikio also reviewed with the Board the draft discussion document provided by the City of Whitefish representatives that had four options for consideration and she also stated that the FCLS representatives were not prepared to recommend any of these options to the Board. The City of Whitefish representatives also mentioned other Flathead County Library System funds (such as the Library Depreciation Reserve fund) as somehow being subject to dispute. The Flathead County Library System

representatives do not believe any legal basis exists for that assertion and do not intend to recommend it either.

Leistikio and Long indicated to the Board that it needs to formally vote on the relocation plan so that the staff can be assured that they have authority to implement it and remove needed assets to other FCLS locations. The City of Whitefish has requested another meeting on 3/28.

**D. Foundation Report – Lopp**

1. Lopp reported that the second annual “Loud at the Library” is tonight and hopes to see everyone there.
2. The Foundation Board has asked Ned Cooney to facilitate a strategic planning session in June.

**E. Other reports – none**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Finalize Whitefish Relocation plan (ACTION)**

MOVED BY L LONG, “that the Board reaffirms its support of the staff-generated relocation plan for the FCLS assets located in Whitefish and approves the closure of the Whitefish Branch from June 18, 2011 to June 30, 2011 to complete the exit from the building”.

SECONDED BY M MORTON

**CARRIED**

**B. Strategic Plan final draft – Crowley**

Crowley reviewed the final draft of the *Strategic Plan for Success 2010-2013*.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Strategic Plan approval – Crowley (ACTION)**

MOVED BY E WEAVER, “to approve and adopt the Strategic Plan for Success as presented.”

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

**CARRIED**

**B. Director’s Performance Appraisal discussion**

Board Chair Jane Lopp asked the Director Kim Crowley if she wished to have her self-evaluation discussed in an open or closed session. At the request of the Director, the meeting was closed and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:45 am.

The meeting re-opened at 1:15 pm. There was no action taken in the executive session. Lopp asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

**Upcoming Events:**

*Loud @ the Library, Tonight! 5:30 – 8:00 pm*

*Tamarack Federation Meeting, April 29 – 30<sup>th</sup>, Marina Cay, Bigfork*

*All-Staff meeting, April 15 – Non-verbal Communication, Michelle Boyd*

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** April 28, 2011, 9:00 am, Main Library Kalispell