

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON JUNE 23, 2011 AT THE MAIN LIBRARY AT 9:00 AM

PRESENT: Jane Lopp (Chair) Kim Crowley (Library Director)
 Connie Leistiko (Trustee) Karen Marr (Minute Clerk)
 Laura Long (Trustee) Rishara Finsel (Senior Librarian)
 Elana Weaver (Trustee) Jan Schulz
 Michael Morton (Trustee) Al Logan

ABSENT:

WELCOME: Lopp called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

OPEN TIME FOR PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

The Board members and staff introduced themselves to the public. Al Logan introduced himself as a prospective candidate for the July 2011 vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees and was asked to give a brief summary of his background and his interest in working on the Library Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board Meeting, Thursday, May 26, 2011 (ACTION)

MOVED BY E WEAVER, “that the minutes from the regular meeting of May 26, 2011, be approved as presented.”

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. May 25, 2011, letter from Bob Webb
- B. June 16, 2011, letter from Carmen Wyman
Crowley reviewed the letters with the Board. Lopp will respond with a letter stating that the Board plans to host an informational meeting in for the community of Columbia Falls in the coming months.
- C. Judge’s ruling removing Temporary Injunction
No written order has been received at this time.
- D. Amended Temporary Restraining Order dated June 3, 2011—copies distributed to Board members
- E. June 1, 2011 Complaint from Attorney Bartlett on behalf of the Whitefish Library Association—copies distributed to Board members

REPORTS:

- A. Financial Report – Marr
Crowley explained that the new tax bills in November will have a separate line showing the taxes allocated to support the library system.

MOVED BY LONG, “to accept the Financial Report for the month of May 2011.”

SECONDED BY MORTON

CARRIED

B. Director's Report – Crowley

1. The 2011 Summer Reading Program is off to a big start with enrollment of 639 children and 222 teens as of this date.
2. April Szuch will be starting on July 7, 2011 as a new Professional Librarian for Adult Services. Martha Furman has now officially taken on the role of Youth Services Librarian and will turn over to Szuch any remaining Adult Services duties.
3. Statistics show that checkouts and building traffic have flattened going into the month of June.
4. The Board discussed and reaffirmed the action taken at the May 2011 meeting regarding materials not relocated from the Whitefish Branch to other FCLS locations.

MOVED BY LONG, “to authorize the Library Director to spend non-budgeted money to hire a packing and moving service and to procure a storage location for the remaining materials on June 30, 2011.”

SECONDED BY MORTON

CARRIED

C. Foundation Report – Lopp

Lopp reported on the all-day Foundation Retreat that was facilitated by Ned Cooney. Retiring board members leave with a wealth of knowledge that should be passed on to the remaining board members.

Since Laura Long will be leaving the Flathead County Library Board of Trustees after eight years of service, Lopp asked her to reflect on her time as an FCLS Trustee...Long said that what we do is really important to the community. She noted that she succeeded Lonnie Parsons and Kathy McKay. IN looking through her 8 years of paperwork, milestones for her included: selection of a new Director and she thinks Kim Crowley is a fabulous director who has done fabulous things with a budget that was limited; recruitment of citizens to develop a plan of service; exploring sites for branches in Bigfork and Columbia Falls; the 2003 needs assessment; participation in the 13 member Partners group because of Crowley's experience with a resource sharing group in Colorado; staff successes such as the FCLS website, on-line resources and The Big Read. It is all of this that has made her proud to have been a member of the Flathead County Board of Trustees. In addition, she says she has also learned a lot about herself. She urged the Board to continue holding fast to what is right for the FCLS and for the community and stay true to the mission, while safeguarding the ethics and moral values of the library system. Long said this Board is a delight and feels such unity among the members. She added this Board speaks with one voice and acts with integrity, motivated from the right place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Collection Management Policy: The policy is in the process of being revised and will be presented at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Judge Stadler's ruling re: temporary injunction – DISCUSSION
Tara Fugina is working on a draft court order.

B. Mediation authorization – ACTION

This item has been continued until the court order is received. Leistiko and Morton will serve on the Ad Hoc Legal Committee.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Crowley presented the new Montana Shared Catalog contract and explained the changes.

MOVED BY LONG, "to accept the updated Montana Shared Catalog contract that prohibits outsiders from receiving data in an executable format."

SECONDED BY WEAVER

CARRIED

Al Logan asked Crowley for copies of some of the documents pertaining to the Whitefish Branch Library since he is a candidate for the Trustee position being vacated by Laura Long.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

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