



- d. There was a slight increase in both active participants and total hours read over last year.
2. Teen program – “Make Waves” - Furman
- a. There has been a substantial increase in registrations since the program’s inception in 2007.
  - b. There was a dramatic increase in total hours read and the number of “Readers to the Rescue” hours has increased by 152% over the four years of the program. The contribution for teens is \$1.00 for every 10 hours read over the required 10 hours per session.
  - c. Checkouts of young adult materials has risen by nearly 74% since 2007.

**B. Resolution re: retirement – Lopp (Action)**

MOVED BY L LONG, “that the Board adopts the resolution acknowledging Lynn Kelly’s five years of service”.

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

**CARRIED**

Staff members assembled as Jane Lopp read the following resolution: **In Honor of Lynn Kelly upon the Occasion of her Retirement effective September 24, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Kelly has been an invaluable member of the Flathead County Library System team since August of 2005 when she accepted the position of Youth Services Librarian, and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn has demonstrated professionalism, exceptional organizational skills, and an admirable dedication to those children and their families who visit the Flathead County Library System, and

**WHEREAS**, during her five years with the Library Lynn has worked tirelessly to elevate the Children’s Department, services, and collections to model examples for the State of Montana, and

**WHEREAS**, most recently Lynn has been a guiding force in reorganizing the Volunteer Program and planning and implementing a wildly successful Summer Reading Program, and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn is a warm and caring person who is always at the forefront in celebrating important milestones in the lives of her co-workers, and

**WHEREAS**, while Lynn’s “work” roots have been firmly planted in the Flathead County Library System’s Children’s Department, her private side has guided her back to her beloved family in Virginia, and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn’s Library friends and colleagues will miss her hard work and leadership on behalf of the Library System, but will *really* miss her ready smile, her energy, and her caring demeanor that have so often buoyed our spirits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

That the Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and thanks Lynn Kelly for her professional and personal dedication to the Flathead County Library System and to the children and families of Flathead County on the occasion of her retirement.

Lynn thanked the staff for their help and love during her stay and invited everyone to visit her in Virginia.

The Board recessed to move to the first floor for a group photograph.

**C. Financial Report – Marr**

1. Marr noted the expenditures for vehicle maintenance due to repairs to the 2000 Dodge van.
2. Since we purchase subscriptions and materials at the beginning of the fiscal year, those two line items show a large percentage spent.

MOVED BY L LONG, “to accept the Financial Report for the month of August, 2010.”

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

**CARRIED**

**D. Director’s Report – Crowley**

1. August Statistical report
  - a. Statistics indicated a slight downturn in use systemwide for August.
  - b. The computer use policy allows one hour per day per patron.
2. How’d We Do report – no questions
3. The Big Read –
  - a. The kick off will be at 4:30 pm on October 12, 2010, at the Main Library featuring Steve Eckels playing guitar music.
  - b. Books will be available at that time.
  - c. Tim O’Brien will speak at FVCC on October 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm
  - d. Many other events are being planned including films, discussions and a food drive for the Veterans Food Bank.
4. Foundation Report – Lopp
  - a. The Foundation agreed to commit up to \$10,000 for the Big Read. There have also been several private donations.
  - b. The Foundation is planning the second annual “Loud at the Library” event on March 24, 2011.
5. Whitefish Interlocal Ad Hoc committee – Long, Leistikio
  - a. The committee met with Whitefish Mayor Jenson and Council Member Phil Mitchell on September 9, 2010. Jenson brought 3 topics to the table—memorial donations, donations other than materials, and public input on hiring the branch manager.
  - b. Jenson suggested forming an Advisory Committee consisting of City employees, library employees and members of the public. It was unclear to whom the advisory committee would report.
  - c. Crowley reported that at the library board retreat it was suggested that we have a facilitated meeting with two members of council, two library board members, two library staff members, and two members

of the Whitefish ad hoc library committee. Jenson said thought the existing committee was sufficient at this time.

d. The next meeting will be September 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

6. Personnel Committee Report – Morton

a. Laura Long and Michael Morton met with Library Director Kim Crowley to discuss the Director's goals for FY11.

b. **The overall goals for the library director are identical to the overall service responses of the library system.** Based on the 2003 "Planning for Results" process, these service responses were restated by the library board of trustees in 2010:

**VISIT A COMFORTABLE SPACE (Physical and virtual spaces):** Residents will have safe and welcoming physical places to meet and interact with others or to sit quietly and read and will have open and accessible virtual spaces that support networking.

**CREATE YOUNG READERS (Early Literacy):** Children from birth to age five will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn to read, write, and listen.

**STIMULATE IMAGINATION (Reading, Viewing, and Listening for Pleasure):** Residents who want materials to enhance their leisure time will find what they want, when and where they want them and will have the help they need to make choices from among the options.

**SATISFY CURIOSITY (Lifelong Learning):** Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn through their lives.

**CONNECT TO THE ONLINE WORLD (Public Internet Access):** Residents will have high-speed access to the digital world with no unnecessary restrictions or fees to ensure that everyone can take advantage of the ever-growing resources and services available through the Internet.

To realize these **service priorities**, the following **goals** for the library system have been set:

1. Young children (age five and under) in Flathead County will discover the joys of reading and learning.
2. Children (age six to twelve) in Flathead County will have programs and materials that stimulate their imaginations and satisfy their curiosity.
3. Teens (age thirteen to seventeen) will have materials and programs that respond to their current interests and provide enjoyable reading, viewing, and listening experiences.
4. Adults in Flathead County will have timely access to materials and services that respond to their current interests and enable them to continue learning throughout their lives.
5. Everyone in Flathead County will have access to the ever-growing resources of the Internet.
6. Everyone in Flathead County will have attractive, safe, and welcoming places to meet and interact with others or to sit quietly and read.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Director's Goals for FY 2011 (Action)**

MOVED BY C LEISTIKO, "that the Board of Trustees approve the six goals that have been presented which are consistent with the service priorities that were established by the community and to encourage the Library Director to move forward."

SECONDED BY M MORTON

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Upcoming training opportunities:**

1. Lynn Kelly's going away party will be October 3, 2010 at Bonelli's Bistro
2. Trustee training in Missoula November 6, 2010
3. Montana State Library Fall Workshop – Great Falls September 24-25, 2010
4. Public Library division retreat – Chico October 16 – 17, 2010

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

- A. Morton will not be available for the October Board meeting.
- B. The Chair expressed thanks to the Friends of the Library for all the work they do including the Homebound Program.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Columbia Falls Branch Library**