



LIBRARIES

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:00 am
ImagineIF Kalispell

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Michael Morton, Al Logan, Marsha Sultz (Board); Kim Crowley, Connie Behe, Teri Dugan (Staff); Charlotte Housel (Library Foundation)

- I. **Call to Order:** M. Morton called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.
- II. **Open time for persons to address the Board**
There was no one present to address the board.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by A. Logan "that we approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018 Library Board Meeting as presented."
Seconded by M. Sultz **APPROVED**

Moved by M. Sultz "that we approve the minutes of the November 20, November 27, December 20, and January 8 Facilities Committee Meeting as presented."
Seconded by A. Logan **APPROVED**
- IV. **Reports**

January Financial Report
Moved by A. Logan "to accept the January 2018 Financial Report as presented."
Seconded by M. Sultz **ACCEPTED**

Director and Staff Reports

 - A. Logan inquired about the Glacier Children's Museum and a possible future partnership between the library and the museum. C. Behe described the museum as non-profit in the startup phase. The library could offer support and expertise in the areas of programming and research in the future.
 - M. Morton commented about the struggle to keep up with the demand of MTLib2go. Crowley said the MTLibrary2 Go statewide committee will meet with the membership at the MLA conference and discuss a future strategy for the online resource.
 - M. Morton asked for a recap of the Maker Faire. Behe shared highlights from the two-day event. The event had 2846 attendees, 43 makers and 14 manufacturers.

Strategic Plan Update:

 - C. Behe gave an update from the all-day work session with Ned Cooney to refresh our core values. A variety of staff from all departments was

selected to participate. The results will be taken to all staff for further work.

- Community Listening sessions are planned to welcome community input on the needs and aspirations of the future of the Flathead Valley. The library leadership team will translate the input from the listening sessions to library services.

Facilities Committee Report

- Flathead County has withdrawn direct support to the library for a joint use project for the Ark building that could potentially house the library and Bigfork Senior Center.
- The facilities committee wishes to pursue the purchase of the Ark building for the library.

Foundation Report

- C. Housel commented that ticket sales continue for Loud at the Library. Local Sponsorships, raffle tickets and tickets sales all go to support the Library Foundation event.
- The Foundation Advocacy Committee is working on impact stories for the Foundation website. Housel commented that the Library Foundation wishes to lend a voice as to why libraries matters.
- C. Housel wishes to have stronger communication with the library going forward in fund raising strategies.
- The Foundation Facilities Committee approved \$250,000 to purchase the Ark building pending a buy/sell agreement.

V. Old Business

Staff Reorganization

- K. Crowley shared a timeline through August 2018, which outlined a strategy for C. Behe to become the Library Director when K. Crowley retires. Both Martha Furman and Megan Glidden will move to Senior Librarians along with Sean Anderson. We will not re-hire an assistant director but will hire a professional librarian.

Library District

- K. Crowley referred to an article from Library Journal that discussed funding and budgets of libraries.
- The article stated that independently funded libraries (library districts) are typically better funded than publicly supported libraries.
- Discussion centered on possibility of becoming a library district, the timeframe and process of a library levy and a future marketing plan for such actions.
- Levies can typically take 18 months to plan and execute.
- A. Logan mentioned a concern for the future funding of the library due to the lack of support from the County Administration.
- Discussion took place regarding a Bigfork capital campaign, Kalispell campaign and library district timeline.

VI. New Business

Draft FY19 Budget—ACTION

Crowley presented FY19 proposed operating budget.

Moved by A. Logan "to approve the proposed FY19 Operating Budget."

Seconded by M. Sultz

APPROVED

Authorization to Move Forward on Ark Building Purchase

Moved by M. Sultz "to move forward with the purchase of the Ark Building pending discussions with lawyers and architects."

Seconded by A. Logan

FAILED

Discussion: M. Morton commented that an attorney should write up the offer and the motion should state the purchase by the Library Foundation.

Moved by A. Logan "to support the ImagineIF Library Foundation's purchase of the Ark building in Bigfork."

Seconded by M. Sultz

APPROVED

Moved by A. Logan "to authorize the Facilities Committee, including Foundation representation, to work with attorney, Erika Johnson to prepare a purchase agreement for the Ark Building in Bigfork."

Seconded by M. Sultz

APPROVED

Moved by A. Logan "to reschedule the March 28th Library Board Meeting to April 4th 9-12pm."

Seconded by M. Sultz

APPROVED

Loud at the Library: Thursday, March 15, ImagineIF Kalispell.

Next regular meeting, Wednesday, April 4 2018, ImagineIF Kalispell, 9:00 am.

Public Library Association Conference, Philadelphia, March 20-24, 2018.

Montana Library Association Conference, Bozeman, April 11-13, 2018.

Tamarack Federation Meeting, Marina Cay, Bigfork, May 11-12, 2018.

VII. Adjourn: 11:37 pm