



LIBRARIES

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 2022
ImagineIF Kalispell
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Heidi Roedel, Doug Adams, David Ingram, Carmen Cuthbertson (Board); Ashley Cummins, Teri Dugan, Sean Anderson (Staff); Adam Tunnel (Library Foundation).

Public Present: Valeri McGarvey, Trish Pandina, Lily Kirsanow, J. Moore, Jean DePue Paschke, Laurie Halfast, Jim Nelson, Barbara Boorman, Kate Shaw, Margaret Davis, Gary Stevens, Jackie Zelman, Jolene Regier, Taylor Inman, Christina Larson, Taalyr Claridge, Pam Haglund, Adele Murphy, Cathy Meredith, Ruth Barefoot, Ron Gerson, Mandy Gerth, Diane Taylor-Mahnke, Mellissa Wood, Bruce Guthrie, Susie Burch.

- A. Call to Order:** Chair D. Adams called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.
- B. 00:14 Open time for persons to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.**

Margaret Davis, Ron Gerson, Laurie Halfast, Trish Pandina, Valerie McGarvey, Mandy Gerth, Christina Larson, Kate Shaw

- C. Approval of Minutes (ACTION)**

13:20 Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, August 25, 2022

Moved by H. Roedel "to approve the August 25, 2022, Library Board minutes as presented."

Seconded by D. Ingram

Motion Passes Unanimously

13:44 Special Board Meeting, September 6, 2022

Moved by D. Ingram "to approve the September 6th Special Board meeting minutes as presented."

Seconded by C. Cuthbertson

Motion passes Unanimously

D. Reports

1. **14:04** August 2022 Financial Report
Moved by H. Roedel "to accept the August Financial Report as presented."
Seconded by C. Cuthbertson
Motion passes unanimously

2. **20:15** Director and Staff Reports

- a. **31:35** Summer Experience Final Report by Becca Johnson, Children's Librarian and Senior Librarian, Starr White shared highlights and statistics from the Summer Programming Event.

3. **52:29** Library Foundation Update

Tunnel reported on updates about the Bigfork Capital Campaign as well as exciting upcoming fundraising events. The Library Foundation is also working to rebrand their logo.

4. **56:31** Friends of the Library Update
No one present for update.

5. **57:00** Facilities Committee Report

Cuthbertson updated the board on her visit to the Columbia Falls library as well as other public libraries in the Montana area. Cuthbertson is impressed with each branch and the way they offer different services to the communities they serve.

E. Old Business

1. **58:49** Location for Library Retreat

Cummins reported that the Retreat will be held from 9-4 on October 4 in the South Campus Conference Room.

2. **59:20** Legislative Road Show

On September 29th, at 6:30 pm on the second floor of ImagineIF Kalispell, representatives from the MT State Library, the MT Library Association, and the Trust for MT Libraries will be hosting an event to highlight upcoming library legislation that will be debated during the 2023 legislative session. The public is invited to attend.

3. **1:01:33** Bathroom Renovation Update

Anderson reported that contractors are being researched and that the project is moving forward.

4. **1:02:53** Policy 1004
It was decided to table this policy until the October meeting.
5. **1:11:03** Policy 5000
It was decided to table this policy until the October meeting.

F. New Business

1. **1:11:31** Location for Future Board Meetings
Possible options were discussed for holding board meetings at other venues rather than library premises.

Moved by H. Roedel "to hold Library Board of Trustee meetings at the South Campus Conference Room during the months of January through May from 9am to 12pm, and during the months of June, July and August from 6:30 to 9:30pm. This is will contingent upon the audio/visual capabilities of the room."

Seconded by C. Cuthbertson

Discussion: Library staff will confirm the audio/visual capabilities of the room.

Motion passes unanimously

2. **1:18:56** Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials: Not My Idea by Anastasia Higginbotham.

Moved by C. Cuthbertson "to remove the book Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness by Anastasia Higginbotham from our collection."

Seconded by D. Ingram

Moved to Amend the Motion by D. Ingram "to keep the book Not My Idea and have the book sequestered at a Library Advisor desk and to also keep the area under video surveillance, if possible, to assure staff safety."

Seconded by H. Roedel

Moved to Amend the previous Motion by D. Adams "to implement a parent resource section and this title can be the first book in the section."

Seconded by H. Roedel

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously

Moved by C. Cuthbertson "to withdraw my original motion."

Moved by D. Ingram "to withdraw my amended motion."

3. **1:55:30** Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials: Why Children Matter by Douglas Wilson.
Discussion took place to set the formal discussion about the reconsideration of the material. It was decided that the reconsideration will be discussed and action taken at the October 27th board meeting.

G. Housekeeping

1:56:45 Comments from Trustees

Carmen Cuthbertson

H. 1:58:24 Closed Executive Session

Moved by D. Ingram "to enter into closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter."

Seconded by D. Adams

Motion passes unanimously

I. 1:58:53 Re-open Meeting

Moved by D. Ingram "to end the closed executive session and to reopen the meeting."

Seconded by C. Cuthbertson

Motion passes unanimously

Moved by H. Roedel "to approve 12 hours of leave without pay for Max France as requested by the library director."

Seconded by D. Ingram

Motion passes unanimously

J. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05am.