

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, January 28, 2013
4:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Judy Riesenber, Ms. Mary Brinkley, and Ms. Dea Nowell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Mitch Tropila and Mr. Dennis Torgerson

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Mora and Ms. Korri Shupe.

GUESTS PRESENT: Teresa Shiner and Sharon Oakland, Foundation Board Liaisons

Ms. Riesenber called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Nowell moved and Ms. Brinkley seconded the motion to approve the consent items as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Ms. Brinkley moved and Ms. Brinkley seconded the motion to approve the operating vouchers as presented. MOTION. . . passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora began by reporting that during the library's Amnesty Week, December 9-15, 276 patron records were affected and we waived \$2093.25 off their accounts in exchange for non-perishable food for the Food Bank.

The Friends of the Library met in December and approved funding for several library projects:

- \$480 for Kids Place Supplies (baskets for CDs and bags for literacy kits)
- \$425 for our email subscription service provider (covers one year)
- \$200 to help support Library Legislative Day (held in Helena).

The library bill that Mitch is trying to get passed is at the Education Appreciation Committee right now – please support.

The new library parking lot payment system has had mixed reviews from our patrons. We are collecting patron's comments and forwarding them to the parking department during the initial 3 month period. A couple of the cons to the system are, it doesn't take dollar bills and another is if you are paying with a credit card the minimum it charges is \$1 and parking is only 50¢ per hour. Discussion ensued among the board about our parking lot and the downtown parking situation/tickets.

The Kids' Place displayed a Giving Tree during December with the intention to purchase a \$800 hardwood unit block set and an accompanying \$350 storage cabinet. We had nineteen library

patrons donate a combined total of \$401 and then one family matched the \$400 to enable us to purchase the blocks.

We have been notified that we received the MakerSpace Grant and will be a MakerSpace host site this summer. The grant will fund 2 interns, it specifies they have to be 18-25 years old, for 8 weeks of training and then conduct the 10 week program. Projects include robotics, technology and fabrics. Ms. Oakland commented that a professor from Bozeman, that is very entertaining, will be doing a presentation about Robotics in a couple weeks in Great Falls.

Ms. Mora commented that she noticed a boy walking near the library with his head down and reading a book and all engrossed in it!

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Riesenberg mentioned how nice the notes to the library staff were in the back of the board packet this month.

V. BOARD REPORTS

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

IX. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

Ms. Oakland reported the Radical Reels Film Festival will not be happening this year, but the foundation is still working on getting it brought to Great Falls as a new fund raiser for the foundation, hopefully by 2014.

Ms. Oakland also reported that the foundation is working on a new brochure aimed at estate planning.

X. ADJORNMENT

Adjournment at 5:05 p.m.