

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, March 18, 2013
4:30 p.m.**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Mitch Tropila

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Teresa Shiner, Foundation Board Liaison

Ms. Riesenber called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Riesenber asked how Unique Management bills us, is it so much per account, or a certain dollar amount. Ms. Mora explained that Unique Management charges a flat fee per account. Ms. Riesenber said it's a real eye opener to see how much of the library's collection is not turned back in when you look at their report and suggested we do some PR to inform the public of this as well.

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

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

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

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora welcomed our new board member MaryEllen Kropp to the library board.

Ms. Mora began her report by updating the library board on our new networking equipment that was put in place on March 11. We received part of the equipment upgrade with funds through the BTOP (Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program Grant). The new equipment will help monitor network usage and provide more stable connections for both the public and staff. Sara Kegel worked hard with the network installers and everything went smooth until Friday. She has been working hard to get those issues resolved.

We held interviews for the MakerSpace interns this past Friday. We had five applicants and interviewed 4 of them. We have selected two that will begin the first week in April.

We had plexi-glass installed on the stairway leading to the second floor. This will prevent any children from a potential accident. The board commented on how nice it looked.

We just recently purchased new meeting room chairs for the Cordingley Room. We are working with the vendor because the material the manufacturer used has not been satisfactory and we already have several showing wear. The manufacturer will be replacing all 100 chairs with a better material by mid-May.

We are working on cleaning up the basement annex area. Many items have been stored there over the years and are no longer needed or of use to us. We are looking at different options of how to dispose of what we no longer need/use.

Ms. Mora presented each board member with the newly updated policy manual. This will replace the old manual completely.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Brinkley asked Ms. Kropp to tell the library board a little about herself. Ms. Kropp grew up in Helena. She currently works for the Montana Federal Credit Union and she went back to school and recently got her accounting degree. She has one son and he is the one that brought her to the library as he grew up.

Ms. Brinkley heard on Pea Green Boat the Missoula Library was advertising their upcoming Easter event for the kids called the Peep-a-Rama. She passed this on because she thought that was such a great idea.

Ms. Riesenbergs read a letter from Bunny Albers to the board.

Ms. Brinkley commented how much she enjoyed the full staff meeting. Ms. Riesenbergs explained to Ms. Kropp that at the full staff meeting Nola did a presentation about moon rocks and had everyone participate in it.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

IX. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

None.

X. ADJORNMENT AT 5:00 P.M.