

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, April 15, 2013
4:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Judy Riesenbergs, 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: None.

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

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Brinkley asked what Fire Appliance is and what we have them do. Ms. Mora explained they come annually and inspect/fill our fire extinguishers. Ms. Brinkley also asked with Flags USA vendor how often do we replace our flags. Ms. Mora said we replace them as needed and that is usually a couple times a year.

Ms. Brinkley moved and Ms. Nowell 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 began her report by telling the board that the new carpet behind the Circ desk, the tiling in the hallway to the first floor bathroom and in the basement handicap bathroom is complete. She encouraged the board if they haven't gotten a chance to see these updates to do so.

This weekend is the MLA Conference in Missoula. We have several staff members attending.

The MakerSpace Interns have been hired and have begun their training. We have put out a wish list of tools to the public that we hope to get donated for MakerSpace. Ms. Riesenbergs asked if this is something the Great Falls Tribune would print for us to reach more of the public. Ms. Mora thought they would and there will be PR coming out soon about MakerSpace.

We just recently completed the Festival of The Book. This year's festival was spread over the entire month of March and some of the programs were lightly attended. The Word Meister was well attended and there were some student teams. The middle school team took 3rd place. Art Taft co-hosted with Jim Heckel and we are hoping he helps out again next year. We will be looking at the format for next year and may make some adjustments to the schedule.

Our first Murder Mystery Contest was this past weekend and we had about 130 participate. About 60 came to the unveiling event late Saturday afternoon. Kathy Mora was the victim and Susie was the one that committed the murder.

We have a great art display this month that includes paper flower arrangements, pet “portraits” and a photographic display by the Montana Air National Guard. Hopefully you’ll get a chance to enjoy it.

George Northcutt has volunteered at the library for 15 years and will be retiring at the end of April. We will send him off with a party on April 29.

IV. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

None.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Brinkley said she was trying to get a particular book and we don’t have it but the Info department was great and Inter Library Loaned it to her. She asked if the price of books have increased as much as the price of e-books. Ms. Mora said that regular books have not increased like the e-books.

Ms. Nowell commented on the great Thank-Yous in the board packet this month from the kids. Also, mentioned how great it was that Susie McIntyre was published in the Library Journal.

Ms. Brinkley commented how much she like that we integrated the fiction authors in both adult fiction and children.

Ms. Nowell is able to go with Ms. Mora to the upcoming Pathfinder Meeting in May.

Ms. Riesenbergs asked how the courier service is going. Ms. Mora said more libraries throughout the state have joined and it is saving us money from postage. Originally when we first joined we were losing money but as more libraries join it brings down the costs. Ms. Mora said she would get a list of all the libraries involved out to the board.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

IX. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

None.

X. ADJORNMENT AT 5:05 P.M.