

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, October 21, 2013
4:30 p.m.**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

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

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Tropila questioned page 14 on the Income Statement the library's revenue minus expenses show we have -34,226.04. He questioned if we lost that much money. No, that is just this month's difference in how much revenue we brought in versus how much we spent.

Ms. Kropp noticed some of the lines in the Income Statement Report were combined from last year. This makes it a little difficult to compare years.

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

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

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

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora began her report by noting the library received a bronze sculpture from Margo Smith. The title of the piece is "Memories of Tomorrow's Past". It's based on a poem written by the artist Kate Hiddleston and the girl in the sculpture is reading it.

The library received \$27,000 from the Foundation for Foundation approved projects. The money will fund adult, juvenile and young adult materials, shelving for the fiction room, a new fax machine, and additional Ready to Read Literacy Kits.

We have applied for a grant through NeighborWorks to help fund Little Free Libraries Project. Ms. Mora has met with Marty Basta of the Park and Recreation Department, the Park and Recreation Board and some members of the Friends of the Library. All are in support of the project. A park board member has offered to make the little libraries. Ms. Brinkley has asked if they are sheltered, yes they are sheltered and the books won't get exposed to the elements. We have in-kind donations to match with the grant of \$500.

The AAUW book sale has started. This week will be Wednesday – Saturday. Mitch came in Saturday and noticed a lot of traffic.

IV. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Ms. Riesenberg discussed that a new library in Texas looks like an Apple Store. Interesting to see what all the different libraries are doing. Some libraries loan out fishing reels, tools, etc.

The Foundation has sent out their book-a-thon letters.

Ms. Riesenberg also noted that Teresa Shiner, a Foundation Board member, has been really sick the past few months with a virus in her back. She is making great progress and recovering.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Nowell said the last Pathfinder Federation meeting was handled as a conference call instead of traveling. She noted that the Montana State library is looking at reevaluating the Traveling Consultant position. They are looking at the needs in the state libraries and how to spread the resources out. Also, the resource center the Edge gives guidelines that help libraries stay informed.

Ms. Brinkley complimented Ms. Riesenberg’s letter to the editor in the Great Falls Tribune. Ms. Riesenberg asked if someone else would like to do another letter to the editor at this time.

Ms. Brinkley noticed the Young Adults Non-Fiction stats rising. Ms. Nowell added she thought there was a large addition to the collection. Ms. Mora said that Nola is constantly weeding and adding to the collection.

Mr. Tropila said he is reading the book that was challenged on page 25, Let Me Go, by Chelsea Cain. He doesn’t feel it’s a “bad” book; in fact he is enjoying it. Mr. Tropila asked if we do any disclaimers on books to recommend or not, Ms. Mora said we don’t.

Ms. Nowell asked if really only one family attended the Ready to Read event that Nola held. Unfortunately, yes only one family attended. She has another one coming up and hopes more will attend. Ms. Nowell asked if this is what the \$400 for the Ready to Read went to. It is not, that money goes to the Ready to Read Kits that can be checked out. Ms. Riesenberg asked how it was advertised. Ms. Mora said we did our usual press releases and Nola advertised it at her events. We also put up flyers in the places we put out our Budding Babies packets.

Ms. Brinkley saw Bill Cosby at the Minnesota Airport and he said he was in Minnesota practicing for Great Falls. She also got a picture of him.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

IX. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

None.

X. ADJORNMENT AT 4:55 P.M.