

**Great Falls Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Monday, December 16, 2013  
4:30 p.m.**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

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

**I. CONSENT ITEMS**

Ms. Riesenberg stated the email Ms. Mora sent after last meeting explaining why the personnel's budget was off was very helpful and thanked her.

Ms. Nowell noted she was sorry to see Donica Marler resigned. She also noted she was glad to see Circulation Stats increasing.

After discussing the above Mr. Tropila moved and Ms. Brinkley 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 consent items as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

**III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Mora began her report by noting that Nola Huey will begin story hour at the Great Falls Public School Preschool (located at the Early Learning Family Center at Skyline). This is once a month December through May.

We have received a \$1500 donation from the Junior League of Great Falls in honor of their chapter's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The funds will be used to purchase children's books. The Junior League is sending out a press release.

We purchased additional audio/visual shelving unit for the Fiction Room. The shelving unit is up but missing a few pieces and they should arrive soon. We are going to have to address the security of the AV collection because we may have a school do an AV drive as a school project and would not have enough or be able to afford enough cages to protect them all. We have tentatively decided to just security strip the material itself.

We have received the grant for the Little Free Libraries Project. I have visited most of the Neighborhood Councils and presented our Little Free Library Projects to them. All of the

Councils have been enthusiastic and supportive of the project. Mr. Tropila asked to get some PR material on this project.

Our annual Staff and Volunteer Holiday Potluck will be on Tuesday, December 17 this year. We hope to see you all there. Ms. Brinkley will not be able to attend due to another commitment.

#### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Nowell commented she saw the book tree and thought it was really neat. Ms. Mora said our staff member's daughter put them together.

Mr. Tropila commented the following:

- Asked if the donor of the statue is pleased now with the placement of the bronze. Ms. Mora said she is happier with where it is now located.
- Asked if vandalism is a big problem here (there was a note someone vandalized the water fountain in partial staff minutes)? Ms. Mora said it's not a huge problem but we deal with it from time to time.
- Asked what the Book Page is? Ms. Mora explained it a book review journal that comes out monthly and we receive 50 copies of every month.
- Had a gentleman come up to him at a democratic committee meeting and was very complementary of our library.

Ms. Kropp asked if the chairs we reordered ever got completed and if they are here? Ms. Mora explained the newest set is still being manufactured and we have not yet received them.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Nowell moved and Ms. Brinkley seconded the motion to approve the Kids Place Policy as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

#### VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

#### IX. REPORTS FROM OTHERS

#### X. ADJORNMENT AT 4:55 P.M.