

**Great Falls Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, October 21, 2014  
4:30 p.m.**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Mary Lehman

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

**I. CONSENT ITEMS**

Ms. Kropp requested that the August minutes be revised to show she asked about the Income Statements of June and July not July and August.

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

**II. OPERATING VOUCHERS**

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

**III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Mora started her report by stating this month's board packet contains the 2015 Holiday and Board meeting schedule for their review and approval.

The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library purchased two early literacy stations for the Kids Place. These are self-contained computers for children ages 2-8 and do not require an Internet connection. They are touch screens and are locked down so software and hardware cannot be compromised. These computers have more than 70 educational software applications that help teach reading, math, science, art and more.

Thank you to the Great Falls Public Library Foundation we have received \$25,000 from them to purchase adult and juvenile materials. We will be requesting more funding from the Foundation at the end of January as we identify further needs for the library.

This November is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Falls Public Library Foundation's Book-A-Thon. In 1990 they had 171 donors and donations totaling \$12,966. At that time, the fundraiser was done entirely by telephone solicitations. In 2013 they had 486 donors and raised \$34,385, with fundraising done through letters and inserts in the gas company bills.

In conjunction with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Book-A-Thon and 46 years for the Foundation, there will be another fundraiser on November 24 at Mighty Mo's from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. For every pint sold that evening, \$1.00 will be donated to the Foundation.

Next year is 125 years of library service in Great Falls. We will be planning displays and programs to help celebrate the anniversary and your ideas for both are welcome.

The City of Great Falls is offering training for the boards on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. If anyone is interested let Kathy know and she will get you the details if the City has not sent them to you already.

The Montana State Reading Council is presenting Kathy and Pat Carroll the Montana State Reading Council Literacy Award for their work on the "Little Free Libraries" project. The board would like Kathy to display the award.

#### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Riesenberger discussed the Letter to the Editor in the Tribune by the upset gentleman that was sent to collection and complimented Kathy for her response. Judy suggested she and the board should contact him to ask him if he and his family would consider coming back to the library.

#### V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Tropila asked/commented on the following:

- Does a Foundation donation get deposited differently than a regular donation? They both get deposited into the same account (2221) but have different revenue lines.
- Likes that at our staff meeting we discuss issues that are brought to our attention by patrons and see if we need to reevaluate and change how we are doing things.
- Asked about one of our patrons we are watching. He wanted to be sure this man was not causing problems with children. Kathy said that is not the issue he just has some problems understanding boundaries. This patron has also been removed from UGF library.
- Asked if the bookmobile donation runs out in January. It will probably mid-January when it runs out.

Ms. Nowell commented on the great job Nola did putting together the Stuffed Animal Sleepover. She simplified the party and may drop the age next year because some of the older kids were misbehaving, which takes away from the younger kids that really enjoy it.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

For the 2015 Holiday Schedule we followed the schedule like this year, if the holiday fell on a Monday we closed the Saturday prior to the holiday (we are closed on Mondays). Mr. Tropila asked if being closed 3 days in a row will save money. The only savings would be in utilities as staff receives pay on holidays.

Ms. Nowell moved and Ms. Brinkley seconded the motion to approve the 2015 Holiday Schedule as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

Ms. Riesenbergr would like to see us be a little flexible with the summer meeting we skip possibly use that in August vs. July depending on what is on the agenda during that time. It was agreed by all of the board to adopt the schedule as presented and review it this summer.

Mr. Tropila moved and Ms. Nowell seconded the motion to approve the 2015 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. MOTION. . . passed unanimously.

#### VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

#### IX. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

None.

#### X. ADJORNMENT AT 5:00 P.M.