

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
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: Ms. Mary Lehman

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

I. CONSENT ITEMS

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

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora started her report by stating we have received a \$17,047 check from the Foundation's Book-a-thon. This is half of the proceeds raised as of December 31. We will receive a second check later in the year for any additional donations they receive. Ms. Lehman said they have received an additional \$700 so far but expects around another \$1000. Ms. Kropp asked why we received the \$17,047 she thought it stayed with the foundation and went to their corpus. Ms. Mora explained the total raised was \$34,095 and we get half to purchase new children material and the foundation keeps the other half.

The library will receive \$50,000 from the estate of Emma Frances Toman. The funds will be sent to the Foundation, but then will be passed through to the library. The terms of the will stipulated that funds be devoted generally to acquisition of historical books and research, microfiche viewers and computers for general historical research and for the improvement of the Montana Room of the Great Falls Public Library.

Barb Teberg and Dr. Bill Tacke have again made a \$5,000 donation to enable us to continue the city bookmobile stops in the city. The funds will continue service through June 30, 2015.

We continue to be short staffed at the public desks due to staff illnesses, injuries and other circumstances. Ms. Brinkley pointed out that when staff is under a lot of stress more illness and injuries arise and she has compassion for all of our staff.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Riesenberg attended the last two travel events here at the library and they were well attended even with our bad weather. Ms. Brinkley has attended some of our TEDx talks and they also are well attended and always have good discussions.

Ms. Riesenberg commented how nice it was to see the various donations to the library this past month.

Ms. Riesenberg asked how the little libraries are going. Ms. Mora said they are going good and that she was contacted by Council 2 to distribute information about the Neighborhood Watch program by Rhodes Park area in it. This is great as this will serve more than one use.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Brinkley was curious about the movie *Blue*. It was a film we co-sponsored with the group Truth about Climate Change. It was a counterview point to the film *Climate Change: The Real Science Behind a Growing Crisis*, that we co-sponsored with the group Citizens for Clean Energy in September.

Ms. Kropp asked who's term on the library board was up this year in June. We weren't sure and will have to check into it, but Joyce Thares, from the City Manager's Office will also let us know.

Ms. Brinkley asked if Susie McIntyre has come up with a solution to the new format the "learn to" books have; which is to download the material vs. CD. Ms. Mora said she is still working on how to handle them.

Ms. Brinkley asked if we have made a decision on adding a parent card with 50 items. Ms. Mora said we just decided today that we were going to go ahead and start issuing them to patrons that are interested.

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.