

Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 23, 2015
4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Judy Riesenbergs, Ms. Mary Brinkley, Ms. Mary Ellen 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. Kropp had questions on the Income Statement. She asked what the Operating Transfer In money was, this is the additional money we receive from the general fund from the City. Also questioned why some of the revenue was shown with parenthesis around them, those are funds that have been received but reflects more income than we budgeted.

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

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Ms. Brinkley asked what was Crescent on the Vendor Report, this is an electrical supply company.

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 Mayor Michael Winters will be reading a proclamation at the Commission meeting on July 21 in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of library services in Great Falls. Ms. Mora will be attending the meeting and encouraged the board members to attend if they were available.

In celebration of the 125th Anniversary we will be having a library picnic in our park on August 4th at 6:30 p.m. It will be in conjunction with our summer music offering that evening (Wilbur Rehmann Group) that starts at 7:00 p.m.

On July 23rd we will be hosting our first *Book Tasting Party*. This is a new program that Susie McIntyre and Debbie Stewart started. They wrapped a select number of books for patrons to check out; the idea is it would be an unknown book and maybe something they ordinarily wouldn't check out. After they read the book then they come to the party and share their comments/experience on it.

Each year we are required to submit Public Library Standards to the Montana State Library indicating we meet minimum standards of library service set by the State Library Commission. This is the first year that we did not meet the standards and have asked for a deferral. The standard we didn't meet was the number hours a library our size is open to the public. We are currently open 46 hours and the standard for a community our size is 50 hours per week. A deferral can be in place for 3 years without possible funding impact.

The City will have its initial budget presentation to the Commissioners on July 7th at 5:30 p.m. A public hearing for July 21 will be set at the Commission meeting that evening, in which public comment and Commission action will be included.

We received our second/final check from the Book-a-thon. This year the total raised was \$38,335 previous year was \$35,260.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Nowell attended the last Pathfinder Federation Meeting. They help bring money to the in-state libraries to support continuing education and other library resources. The Federation is comprised of a member from every library board in the state. They are the only voting members although all libraries have the directors attend the meetings also. They have been without a chair for over a year but Ms. Nowell is now the chairman of it. At the fall meeting they will review their plan of service to see if there is need to update date it. The money for the libraries that Pathfinder Federation manages and distributes to the libraries is from the State's Coal Severance Tax.

Ms. Brinkley thanked Marshall Orthodontics for Sponsoring the Summer Reading Program.

Ms. Brinkley will not be at the board meeting in August she will be out of town.

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.