

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Civic Center, Gibson Room at 4:30 p.m.**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Mary Lehman, Library Foundation

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

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Nowell commented she was glad to see that our electronic databases are being used. She also discussed the parking revenues we receive. Ms. Mora said we only receive the revenue from the City once a year. The other revenue that we receive in that fund are the spaces we rent out on a month to month basis to downtown employees. Ms. Riesenber noted that the downtown parking garages just increased from \$43 per month to \$46 per month. Ms. Shupe said we are only charging \$25 per month to park in our lot and we are not yet full.

Ms. Kropp pointed out that the library is currently over the budgeted amount at this point in the budget cycle, for our water utility. Ms. Mora noted we are just getting out of our heavy watering time of year and hopefully we will not go over budget as our usage should slow down but also pointed out, there was an increase to the water charges so it may be close.

Mr. Tropila asked how the Kids Place was doing with Diane and Sue. Ms. Mora said it's going really well and Diane is doing a great job and really working with us to keep the room covered. Sue's father just passed away and Diane is adding more shifts and doing Story Times and Toddler Times this week as well.

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

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Ms. Nowell likes the way the MasterCard purchases are itemized on the Vendor Report and thanked Ms. Shupe for adding that to the report.

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

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora started her report by stating the end of the payphone era at the library has come. The public payphone that has been in the library for many years stopped working several months ago. After several telephone calls to the company that owns it Ms. Shupe was able to find out that that company has stopped servicing payphones in Montana. Due to this, we have had to draft a new public telephone policy, that is included in the board packet, and we will ask for your approval of it.

Our new microfilm scanner is here and staff has received training on using it. We are still determining the best configuration setting for the public and hope to have it available to the public later this month. We were able to purchase this with the Emma Toman Estate as well as shelving in the MT Room.

Alice Kestler is working with NeighborWorks to secure funding for the startup costs associated with the library's new seed exchange project.

The Friends of the Library paid to have the 4 original architectural renderings of the library framed and matted. They are now hanging in the hallway outside of the Cordingley Room in the basement.

November marks the beginning of the Great Falls Public Library Foundation's annual Book-A-Thon. Ms. Mora also complimented Mary Lehman on her article in the paper about the library/library foundation. Also, in December the Foundation will have their 2nd Raise-A-Pint fundraiser at the Mighty Mo Brewing Company on December 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Tropila:

- Attended Debbie's Book Club last Saturday at the library. He said the numbers are really up and she does a great job with the club and provides great snacks too.
- Asked if we have had any further trouble with Kyle Winkler, our long- time patron that we had to ban from the library for a month, due to threatening behavior toward staff. Ms. Mora said he hasn't been back and isn't allowed back until late November.
- Thanked the Foundation for their continued support to the library.

Ms. Nowell:

- Attended the Pathfinder Federation meeting in Fort Benton with Ms. Mora in October. They revised their By-Laws and are getting everything back in order. Mr. Tropila told Ms. Nowell that the Pathfinder Federation was part of the support group that helped with the drafting of a bill that passed in the legislature, raising the State Aid to MT libraries but it will sunset in 2017 unless it gets renewed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Riesenberg adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.