

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, March 21, 2011
4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Mary Brinkley, Ms. Judy Riesenbergs, Ms. Bunny Albers, 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. Albers moved and Ms. Nowell seconded the motion to approve the consent items as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

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

III. STAFF REPORT

None.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

We have already started to receive equipment through the BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) grant. This grant is a Federal Recovery Act Grant administered through the Montana State Library. The grant will provide the library with 13 new computers and furniture to accommodate it. It will enable us to add 6 and replace 5 old computers on the second floor public internet stations and the Kids Place will receive 2 of the computers. Ms. Brinkley had a recommendation from a friend to not put the 2 computers in the Kids Place but to add all the computers to the second floor because of the internet demand. This grant will also provide an upgrade to our broadband but it will not happen until summer.

The City of Great Falls has received grant funds to conduct an energy audit of selected city buildings. Potential auditors have already completed an initial tour of the library and

will present a proposal to city offices for conducting an actual audit. This will help identify areas of excess energy use and potential energy saving ideas.

The 11th Annual Festival of the book is off to a great start with local author Jamie Ford presentation on March 10th, with about 70 people in attendance. Also the 3rd Annual Grand Word Meister Contest was on March 15th with about 70 people in attendance. The team from the University of Great Falls won the Word Meister Contest this year. Paul Zarzyski and Wylie Gustafson will perform on March 24, If you are interested in attending come year because they are very popular and it will be a full house.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Riesenbergs asked how the public donation for the Friends Book Sale is going? We've had one collection day and it went very well.

Ms. Riesenbergs brought up that Mitch Tropila is suppose to be writing a letter to the editor this month about the courier project. After discussion Ms. Brinkley offered to write a letter to the editor in April focusing on the Gardening Series we will be offering at the library. Ms. Albers will work on a letter to the editor for May.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

X. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 4:50 p.m.