

**Great Falls Public Library  
Board of Trustees Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
Great Falls Public Library – Cordingley Room (Basement of the Library)**  
*(Virtual access to meeting was available upon request)*  
**4:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Anne Bulger, Ms. Jessica Crist, Ms. Sam DeForest (via zoom), Noelle Johnson, Ms. Whitney Olson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Rae Grulkowski - Cascade County Commissioner, Ms. Susan Wolff - City of Great Falls Commissioner

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Emmi Bivens, Ms. Treva Higgins, Mr. Aaron Kueffler, Ms. Sara Linder-Parkinson, Ms. Susie McIntyre, Ms. Isa Newbury

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Sandy Rice – GFPL Foundation liaison, Ms. Brianne Laurin- GFPL Foundation Executive Director, Richard Irving – Resident of Great Falls, Susan Lee – Resident of Great Falls, Donna Williams – Resident of Great Falls, Molly Beck – Resident of Great Falls, Bill Tacke – Resident of Great Falls, David Price – Resident of Great Falls, Deb Chibroski – Resident of Great Falls, Melissa Smith – Resident of Great Falls, David Saslav – Resident of Great Falls, Tracy Jerman – Resident of Great Falls, Jenn Rowell – The Electric (via zoom), Steve Grout (via zoom)

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Ms. Bulger made a motion to move the staff introductions to the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon having none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Isa Newbury and Ms. Emmi Bivens introduced themselves and talked about their positions at the Library and how they came to be at the Library. When they were done they left the meeting.

**I. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Ms. Olson asked if anyone had additional items to add or remove from the agenda approval.

Ms. Bulger moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approve the agenda items with adjustment. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for

any board discussion or public comment. Upon having none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Olson asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee regarding the consent agenda.

Ms. McIntyre answered questions as they were asked.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approves the consent agenda as amended. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Mr. Irvine gave public comment. Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

## **III. DIRECTORS REPORT**

Ms. McIntyre presented her Director's report and answered questions as they were asked.

## **IV. GFPL FOUNDATION REPORT**

Ms. Rice informed everyone that the Book-a-thon mailing will go out in November after the election.

Ms. Laurin gave an update on the Raise-a-Pint fundraiser last night. They had a great turnout. Mr. Tacke won the 50/50 and donated it back to the foundation. Over \$1,000 was raised.

## **V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Olson encouraged everyone to attend the AAUW book sale as well as the Library Open House night.

## **VI. BOARD REPORTS**

Ms. Bulger gave a report from the Logo Committee. A final report will be presented to the board next month.

Ms. Crist gave a report from the Library Park Task Force. A final report will be presented to the board next month.

## **VII. PROPOSALS/COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES**

Ms. Bulger requested that she be the liaison to the Foundation again. Ms. Olson agreed.

Ms. Johnson asked if there was a reason press releases were included in the board packet since they were not referenced. Ms. McIntyre stated that at one time the board had requested they be printed. A discussion was had and it was decided that the press releases no longer needed to be included in the board packet.

A discussion was had regarding the availability of board members for the December meeting. Ms. McIntyre will send out an availability email with suggested dates. She will propose a date at the next meeting.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Olson asked if there were any comments regarding the Public Library Standards: Quarterly Training Intellectual Freedom. Ms. Bulger stated it was nice to see other library solutions. Ms. Olson asked if the board had any request for the next quarter; she asked that suggestions be brought to the November meeting.

Discussions began on the review of the By-Laws and Rules of conduct and procedure of board of trustees. Suggestions were made,

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees consider the edited additions/changes at the November board meeting. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Mr. Irving gave public comment. Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Johnson moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees accept the amendments made to the patron behavior policy as amended. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon having none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Price addressed the board.  
Ms. Smith addressed the board.  
Mr. Saslav addressed the board.  
Mr. Irving addressed the board.  
Mr. Saslav readdressed the board.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Olson asked if there were any other questions, upon hearing none she would entertain a motion.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

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