

BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

PRESENT: LIESL HOLTZ, MIKE METCALFE, SUE DAVIS, MARSHA NEILL
JEANNE LILLEGARD ABSENT: VICKY McCRAY, CODY McDONALD

Chairperson Liesl Holtz called the meeting to order. The new Stanford representative, Sue Davis was welcomed to the board. Minutes were read and approved. The financial status was reviewed.

The building project has received a generous donation of \$2500 which will be put toward the loan from the county. Several families have named the building project to receive memorials for their loved ones. Jeanne told the board that the commissioners feel that memorial gifts to the library should not have to be put toward the loan from the county. They will continue to help with the loan as we wait for the settlement of the Strand estate. The board agreed these monies should be used for other needs of the library that would be more appropriate for a memorial.

Wayne Boeck gifted a painting of an eagle for the library's sitting area and two pieces of art for the children's room. Rick and Doreen gifted a wood burning created by their son, Caleb, as a memorial to Beulah Biegelke.

Liesl asked if the art work was being added to a library inventory for insurance purposes. Jeanne said an inventory does not exist, but she will begin creating one.

Summer reading continues, but the weekly special events were wrapped up the end of July. In honor of the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon, "A Universe of Stories" was this year's national theme. All activities centered around the solar system.

In compliance with public library standards, library policies should be reviewed every three years. Jeanne handed out our collection management policy for first review. The second reading and changes will be on the October agenda.

The state library is assembling a task force to review the standards for public libraries. Jeanne has been asked to sit on this. It will require a meeting in Helena on September 13 and one in May. The board encouraged her to be involved.

The fall meeting of our federation will be in Big Timber on September 28.

The library has received many book and puzzle donations this summer. One donation was particularly generous—friends of the owners of Wolf Creek Honey shipped up

thirty-two boxes of books up on one of the returning bee trucks. Norma and Jeanne have been sorting and processing. If we already own a title, the condition is checked before the duplicate copy is passed on. Duplicates and titles not going into the collection are passed on to the branch library for its collection or its book sale.

As the fiscal year ended June 30, so did the library statistical year. Jeanne is finishing the stats and will be submitting them to the state library in her year end report.

The first story hour of the fall is scheduled for September 11. Jeanne and Norma will be using some of their all time favorite programs as it has now been 12 years and some books are just too cute to never do again.

The October meeting will be preceded by the annual holiday potluck. The commissioners are invited for the festivities. Lunch will be at 12 p.m. followed by the meeting at 1.

Marsha moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.