

BOARD MINUTES

October 20, 2015

PRESENT: LIESL HOLTZ, CAROLYN JETTE, PENNY NOLAND, BEULAH BIEGALKE, CODY MCDONALD, JEANNE LILLEGARD

Board chair Liesl Holtz called the meeting to order. Minutes were reviewed and approved. The financial status was reviewed.

Carolyn reported on the building project. The committee met in September and welcomed new member Powell Becker of Stockman Bank. Finding sources of funding continues. An article to encourage readers to remember the library in their year-end giving will soon appear in the Judith Basin Press. The committee is formulating a campaign where the committee members will personally approach businesses and corporations doing business in the Judith Basin. Packets are being assembled for that purpose. In April, the committee will determine if they will continue fund raising or build with what they have and adjust the size of the project accordingly.

The final draft of the meeting room policy was reviewed. Beulah moved to approve. Penny seconded the motion and the approval passed.

Major work is in progress on the courthouse phone system and internet security. The library will receive a new firewall and it looks like its own phone line. Much discussion has taken place concerning our wifi and it has been suggested that we disconnect wifi access during the hours the library is not open. The board felt wifi access is an important service to the public. The library is the only entity for miles that offers public access.

Jeanne attended the state library's fall workshops in Helena to obtain renewal credits for her certification. She discussed the workshops she attended and the highlights of Montana Shared Catalog meeting was held the same weekend. The director of the shared catalog is retiring in December. During his tenure, two thirds of the library patrons in Montana have received access to the shared catalog. It was an emotional meeting for him and for the many librarians who had worked closely with him. The major item of business accomplished was approving a measure to allow a patron's checkout history to be kept in the system. All libraries were excited about this as many have to answer the patrons'

inquiries as to the title of the book they read last month and there wasn't a way to retrieve that information.

The fall meeting of the South Central Federation was in Forsyth. The major item of business there was a listening session conducted by the state library. The library will no longer have certain monies available so it was important to see what services the librarians considered essential. Each director was to discuss the services with her board and complete a survey. The board worked through the survey. Jeanne will submit.

Liesl agreed to serve another term as the Hobson representative. Carolyn moved the board "accept her acceptance". Penny seconded and motion carried.

The appreciation dinner was discussed. All members felt reluctant to accept lunch or dinner out at a time when the library is trying to raise funds for the building project. Instead, it was decided to have a noon meeting December 17 over a potluck luncheon. Jeanne will ask Mandy if it would be possible for the board to donate to the building fund the monies that the county would have spent for their meal.

Jeanne gave a brief "Librarian's Report" followed by a discussion about the old books in the silver cabinet. She had asked the Foundation if funds from the sale of these books would be eligible to be matched. They would qualify and Greenwillow Books in Missoula is a possible outlet for them. Carolyn offered to take them to Missoula when she goes for a football game in November. She moved to sell the books with Penny seconding the motion. Motion carried. Jeanne will talk to Jason Shobe about the Montana and western books that were appraised by Jim Dullenty. Jim had suggested they be sold in one of Shobe's auctions.

Cody brought up the county concerns about Jeanne's hours. It isn't legal for her to work extra hours without putting them on her timesheet. Jeanne feels her hours at work shouldn't always be on the clock if they are not productive. Therefore, she doesn't mind coming in on her own time to get her work done. Cody will check into making the position a salaried position instead of an hourly.

The next meeting and potluck luncheon will be November 17 at noon. Meeting adjourned: