

BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 17, 2017

PRESENT: LIESL HOLTZ, MARSHA NEILL, CAROLYN JETTE, VICKI McCRAY, CODY McDONALD, JEANNE LILLEGARD, MANDY KELLY ABSENT: LENNIE HANSEN

The board met at 12 p.m. for the annual holiday luncheon. New Geysers representative Vicki McCray was welcomed. Minutes and financial status were reviewed.

Building committee chairperson Carolyn Jette reported that the framing and roofing continue. Windows should be here by the 15th of November. At that time, the insulating and sheetrocking will begin. Remodel of the old library will start the end of December or early January. The architect's interior designer has made suggestions for woodwork, paint colors and carpets. Money is still needed. We will not be penalized for taking money out of the CD.

New business opened with the reorganization of the board. Liesl agreed to continue as chair. Marsha will take vice-chair and Vicki will shoulder the secretarial duties. Carolyn will continue as building chair. Lennie's term will end in June.

Jeanne reported that the fall federation meeting scheduled for Hardin was changed to an online meeting. Business as usual for the federation. State Librarian Jenni Stapp reported on the state cuts to libraries. Libraries will not be getting state aid checks this year. In the past, the Judith Basin County Free Library has received in the area of \$1300. We will, however, continue to receive our federation checks (usually \$1400). The state has received some monies that Jenni has directed toward a promotional campaign for libraries. Jenni feels this campaign is vital—library visitation and circulation are down all over the state.

The fall meeting of the Montana Shared Catalog also had a different format. Members attended in clusters at designated libraries and participated in the meeting electronically. Our cluster met in Lewistown. Only three libraries were represented—Judith Basin, Lewistown Public and Roundup School/Community.

Jeanne reported that the library has received incredible donations from Pat Dwyer of Hobbyland. She is closing her store after decades in the Great Falls business community. Her gifts included hundreds of beanie babies, a dollhouse and electric train and boxes upon boxes of craft supplies. Jeanne has sorted through the supplies and shared them with schools and churches.

Shannon Foster was a driving force in a successful summer reading program. During the month of June, she created fascinating programs on some of the great architectural

wonders of the world including Stonehenge, the pyramids, the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal. The kickoff event of ventriloquist performance and ice cream social was well attended.

The story hour program has begun. Since a number of the beanie babies from Hobbyland are birds, Jeanne is using a bird theme this year. After each program, each child receives a beanie baby of that day's featured bird (swan, flamingo, ostrich, etc) Beulah Biegalke is again assisting.

Jeanne is filling out applications for Strand and Judith Basin Endowment grants, both for the library and for the Guild. She is working on the annual report to the state due in November.

Hobson librarian Jenni Hammontree has been pursuing other part-time employment opportunities. Kim Baumann has been subbing for her. Mandy is concerned Jenni may no longer be getting enough hours in to qualify for county insurance. Liesl will visit with Jenni about her future plans.

Meeting adjourned.