

PRESENT: LIESL HOTZ, BEULAH BIEGALKE, CAROLYN JETTE, PENNY NOLAND, LENNIE HANSEN, CODY McDONALD, JEANNE LILLEGARD, JENNI HAMMONTREE, NORMA ZIMMER

The meeting was preceded by the yearly meal together. Board chair Liesl Holtz opened the meeting and went directly to the building report in order that Cody could also be updated before his return to the commissioners' office.

Carolyn Jette reported that the architect has downsized our project to \$650,000 as requested by the building committee and plans to hire a contractor are being put in motion. The building committee will be meeting frequently in the next few months to evaluate bids and interview construction companies. The committee hopes to hire as many local subcontractors as possible. The project is continuing to receive some very generous donations. Stockman Bank has donated \$25,000 towards the children's area and the library has been notified it has been named to receive 1% of the residual funds of the Leroy Strand estate. The Montana Community Foundation representatives will be here on November 7 to present the last check of the \$250,000 in matching funds. Board members are encouraged to come for the presentation of the ceremonial check, group photo and lunch.

Returning to the top of the agenda, the board approved the minutes as written and approved the financial report.

Circulation totals for FY 2015-16 were reviewed. Figures for both libraries remain constant.

The courthouse has a new firewall that is blocking some websites from library users. The board reviewed the list of topics the firewall currently blocks and discussed if the library should or should not filter. Jeanne said that the only issue has been with weapons. The patrons interested in reloading have had difficulty. She had the topic unblocked. Lennie Hansen moved and Carolyn seconded the motion to allow the firewall to block the topics currently listed with the exception of swimwear and intimate apparel.

The Windham position on the board will be opening in December. Jeanne will put an advertisement in the Judith Basin Press.

Librarian's Report:

Summer reading theme 2017 "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!" was very timely since all the planned activities took place just before the summer Olympics. In June Shannon Foster created fabulous programs focused on the ancient Olympics and in July Sydney Von Bergen and her family helped plan terrific programs centered around the "Countdown to Rio". Jenni's programs in Hobson also followed the national theme and she was grateful for good high school help.

Beulah and Jeanne attended the fall federation meeting in Harlowton and Jeanne went to Helena for the Montana Shared Catalog meetings.

Jenni and Norma went to a cataloging workshop in Fort Benton and were happy how practical it was—had many questions answered.

Story hours have started at both locations and are well attended.

Jeanne has sent in applications to the Judith Basin Endowment Fund and the Stand Foundation for their annual grants. Jenni report that Hobson has received a Triangle grant which she will probably use to buy a flat screened TV for the meeting room.

Next meeting January 24, 2017 at 2 p.m.