

BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

PRESENT: SUE DAVIS, VICKY McCRAY, CAROL DEARDEN, CODY McDONALD, JEANNE LILLEGARD ABSENT: DARLENE HENKE, MIKE METCALFE

Chair Sue Davis called the meeting to order. Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Financials were reviewed. Jeanne pointed out that she is temporarily depleting the technology line, but will be depositing federation funds into it when the check arrives this fall. She bought three new computers for Hobson and two for Stanford plus paid the yearly fees for the Montana Shared Catalog and OCLC. Jeanne shared that the directors were told at the fall federation meeting that the State Library will be approaching the legislature for funds to cover the yearly costs of the Montana Shared Catalog, MontanaLibrary2Go and hot spot program for every public library. Currently, the hot spot program has been funded another year.

Lewistown Propane's new owner is paying to bring in a new propane tank for the Hobson Public School. Cody would like us to think about staying with Lewistown Propane for the Hobson Library. Vicky moved to remain with Lewistown. Sue seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeanne's certification is up for renewal the end of October. She has to have a total of 60 hours of instruction. She has received a grant to attend the Ready 2 Read Rendezvous in Lewistown and will earn a significant number of needed credits. Directors need to be certified in order for their libraries to receive federation monies.

The fall federation meeting was held September 10 in Red Lodge. Sue, Jeanne and Vicky attended via zoom. The State Library is putting together task forces to look at the federation system currently in place and to look at continuing education. The afternoon continuing education opportunity was policy writing.

On September 22, Jeanne will be attending a workshop titled Giving Montanans their Fullest Opportunity: Administering and Financing Public Libraries. The workshop is in Lewistown from 9 to 1 and she will earn four CE credits.

Chouteau County Public Library in Ft. Benton has received a Humanities Montana Grant and has offered to share the speaker with us. Storyteller Mo Reynolds will be coming to us sometime in April. We hope to have her at the school as well.

Dolly Parton has a free book gifting program called Imagination Library. High quality, age appropriate books are mailed to children's homes. We would need to have a sponsor. Jeanne will investigate.

The knitting group in Hobson has approached Lisa about meeting in the Hobson Library after hours. The Board thought meeting after hours was not a path we should go down. The meeting room policy will be reviewed next meeting.

In the past, the Board has had a potluck at the November or December meeting. Jeanne asked if there was interest. Everyone is content with a regular meeting.

Stanford's Christmas Stroll is December 10. Jerome Kolar has offered to provide music from 1-3. We will serve hot beverages and cookies.

Librarian's report:

Jeanne thought the summer reading program went very well. Carolyn Jette's shell collection was a highlight for everyone. Gailene and Geoff Casey's programs were successful.

Story hours are up and running at both libraries.

Hobson is locking the porch door following some trouble with a student gaining access to the library after hours.

Generous memorials to the library in Norma's name will be used for a bike rack and continuing the digitization project.

The date for the next meeting has been set as November 16 at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.