

## BOARD MINUTES

March 27, 2019

PRESENT: MIKE METCALFE, MARSHA NEILL, LIESL HOLTZ, VICKY McCRAY, CAROLYN JETTE (via speaker phone), JEANNE LILLEGARD  
ABSENT: CODY McDONALD

Chairperson Liesl Holtz called the meeting together at 3:24 P.M. Minutes and the financial status were reviewed. Liesl would like Jeanne to check into the cost of the phone for the Hobson Library as it seems like it should be less.

Building project update: On February 20 Nate Pierce of Diamond Construction conducted the final walkthrough of the building project. Nothing new was discovered, just things previously talked about (screws for window screens, carpet flaws) Kelly from Slate Architects came through today (March 27) and he noticed several items including the perfatape above the desk. He took pictures and will report back to Carolyn.

Jeanne has purchased two more tables and two additional pieces to the children's sectional with monies from the Strand and Judith Basin Endowment grants. The reading area chairs are back from the upholsterer. The Fit club will be paying for half the bill and there is money left in furnishings for the other half.

Roger Campbell has finished cutting out the donor wall and will be delivering it to Steve Lillegard. Steve will stain it and begin the process of engraving the donor leaves which will be cut out by Dean Rowland.

The balance on the loan from the county is \$13, 711 due July 1. There is still a check from the Strand Foundation coming; however, the time and the amount are unknown.

Carolyn has gone over all 2012 correspondence from Northwestern Energy. We may have misinterpreted the rebate program and she is not looking to it for more monies.

Sari Fulbright is still interested in subbing in Hobson. The position needs to be reopened and advertised should anyone else be interested. Jeanne will talk to Mandy about running the ad.

The Christmas Open House was quite amazing. Jerome Kolar provided the music once more. This time he was accompanied by Dr. Ron Neill and his daughter, a sopranoist with the Great Falls symphony. Her voice was incredible and the many people who attended the event received a great treat. A nice thank you and check for a dinner out was sent to each performer. They hope to return in December.

Jeanne has been in contact with the State Historical Society regarding the digitization of county newspapers. Five thousand dollars would get us started—should cover about 20 years. The papers would appear on a website called Montana Newspapers. Jeanne could take some funds from the technology line and seek grants. Perhaps the Judith Basin Historical Society will consider donating to the cause. We will revisit the topic in June.

Jeanne attended the spring federation meeting in Billings. State Librarian Jenni Stapp shared that things look much better for libraries this legislative session.

Montana Library Association will meet April 10, 11, 12 in Helena. Jeanne will be attending the meetings and continuing education workshops

Carolyn has now served two terms so we need to advertise for the Stanford representative to the board.

Stats were looked at. Jeanne and Norma have been weeding—have made it through nonfiction and are now in the fiction. The 2019 summer reading theme “A Universe of Stories” centers around space.

The next meeting date was set for June 5, 2019 at 3 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:25.