

## BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2019

PRESENT: LIESL HOLTZ, SUE DAVIS, MARSHA NEILL, VICKY McCRAY,  
CODY McDONALD, JEANNE LILLEGARD ABSENT: MIKE  
METCALFE

Following the holiday luncheon, Chair Liesl Holtz called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved and the financial report was reviewed. As it is still early in the fiscal year, all budget lines are in good shape. Jeanne is anticipating above average expenditures in the tech line as there seems to be a clash with the firewall every time Windows updates.

Carolyn Jette was a luncheon guest and gave a brief building project report. We still have some minor issues with the contractor (screens, carpets). There were some nice donations to the Guild this summer enabling it to put \$3000 more on the loan from the county. The balance is now under \$11,000. The Guild also received a gift of \$1000 from Trig and Linda Danielson to be used towards adult stacking chairs.

Jeanne traveled to Helena on September 13 for the Public Library Standards Task Force meeting. She reported it was a great meeting and (according to her) she talked too much. Tracy Cook from the State Library will now take the input from the librarians and begin the standards rewrite. The committee will meet again in the spring.

Winter weather kept Jeanne and Vicky from the fall federation in Big Timber. They will aim for the spring meeting in Laurel March 14.

The board began the update of the collection management policy. Marsha moved to approve the first reading. Vicky seconded. Approved. Jeanne will make the revisions for the second reading.

Jeanne created an inventory spreadsheet. Liesl suggested adding a disposal column.

The 2018-2019 statistical report is due to the state November 29. Jeanne is compiling the information.

Bill Rossiter, a performer for the Montana Humanities program, will be in the area the first week of November. He has a free day and offered to do a day of programming for our library. Jeanne thought we would reach more individuals if the performances were at the school. She has set up times with the teachers and has advertised the event through posters and the Judith Basin Press.

The Stanford Christmas stroll date has been set for December 8. The library will host an open house. Jerome Kolar will provide music. Local author Byron Graham will be on hand to discuss his new book. Cookies and hot beverages will be served.

At the Hobson library, Kim is in the middle of a major shift. She is moving out the adult nonfiction that had been housed in the meeting room and moving in the children's books. As the meeting room has the kitchenette, tables and craft supplies she needs for story hour and after school programming, it is a better fit for the juvenile books. Cody mentioned, that the tables are ready to be replaced. Kim says the Hobson shop classes are considering building them as a social service project.

We are continuing to receive craft supplies from the owners of Hobbyland in Great Falls. They are cleaning out a second building. Jeanne is distributing to many Judith Basin causes.

Applications for local grants are due in November. We will be applying for funds for children's programming and for funds towards the distribution of newspapers.

The 2019-20 story hour programs have begun. Both Stanford and Hobson are seeing some new families.

January 22 at 1:30 PM is the date for the next meeting, weather permitting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.