

BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2021

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

Vice-chair Sue Davis called the meeting together. The board immediately moved to the business of reorganization. Sue graciously agreed to take the position of chair. Darlene will take vice chair and Vicky will continue as secretary.

Minutes from the May 19 meeting were read and approved. The financial status was reviewed. We are only six weeks into the new fiscal year, so all budget lines are in good shape.

Old business: The newspaper digization project has reached 1950 with only six years to go until all newspapers merge into one county newspaper.

The inventory is complete and will go to Mandy.

The scheduled work session on the revised public library standards was tabled until next meeting. Jeanne felt it important to have Cody here as we determine what must now be done to keep the library compliant.

New business: Lisa Campbell is working out very well as the Hobson librarian.

Jeanne has signed the library up for the state's hot spot lending program. We will receive three hot spots for patron checkout. The program will be without charge to us through December of 2022.

We are due for our annual tech update at both libraries. Cody Swanson takes care of this for us. All devices are evaluated for replacement, receive new anti-viruses and other updates.

Jeanne and Vicky are still planning to attend the semi-annual federation meeting in Red Lodge in September. There is still a possibility it will switch from in-person to zoom.

Librarian's report: By the end of the month, Jeanne needs to report how she used this year's state checks. They were used to pay Montanalibrary2go subscription and partial pay of Montana Shared Catalog fees.

The annual statistical report will be due in November. Jeanne will be working on numbers. She believes the patron count will be down due to lack of programming during the pandemic. Mailing out story hour was time consuming, but well worth it. As a result, many new families attended summer reading events. Story hour will resume on September 8. Hopefully, the pandemic will not affect attendance.

Kim Holzer notified Jeanne of Town Pump's grants to library summer programs. Jeanne applied and we received \$1000.

Library has received two new pieces of art—a Steve Lillegard sculpture of a little girl reading and a piece for the wall titled "Golden Eagle Migration", a gift from Wayne Boeck.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 20.