

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

PRESENT: CAROLYN JETTE, LIESL HOLTZ, PENNY NOLAND , BEULAH BIEGALKE, CODY McDONALD, JEANNE LILLEGARD, JENNI HAMMONTREE

After a wonderful holiday meal, Liesl called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved.

Carolyn brought the board up-to-date on the building project. She and Pat Hubble will put together 60 packets for the building committee members to take with them as they approach businesses and corporations conducting business in the Judith Basin. The committee is happy to report a recent donation of \$15,000 which will be matched by the Community Foundation. Over \$300,000 has now been raised. Carolyn and her committee are hopeful that more funds will be coming in through year-end donations (Vicki will run an article asking people to remember the library in their giving) and from the sales of antique books Carolyn took to Greenwillow Books in Missoula. The committee will meet again in April when Carolyn returns from her winter in Colorado.

The library will not be put on a separate phone line after all and will continue at the courthouse number.

The commissioners are continuing to check into making the position of library director a salaried position instead of an hourly wage position. However, they have found that only certain positions are eligible to be salaried. Some of the issues of a salaried job were discussed. The board will investigate such issues as comp time and will put salary issues on the March agenda. Jeanne will check into director salaries with the state library where all are on file.

The county attorney had visited with the commissioners about how claims are to be paid. According to her research, the board needs to approve the claims before they are paid. Approval by two board members would be sufficient. Several other items she mentioned in her visit were about the board setting the library budget and the library director acting as secretary for the board although someone else can take notes during the meeting. We are compliant on these items.

The board was pleased to have branch librarian Jenni Hammontree present and to be able to personally inquire if she had any concerns. Jenni stated everything is running smoothly. In the nine years she has led the Hobson Library, she has brought in many state-sponsored programs, but finds what her patrons really want are books and therefore providing them will be her primary focus.

In the last several weeks, the Stanford and Hobson websites have been hacked. It has been a major mess that Liesl, Cynthia Denton, Jenni and Jeanne have been attempting to resolve with the server.

Jeanne is busy compiling all stats from the 2014-15 fiscal year for the state library.

This report is due on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Stats from recent months continue to be normal. The library was happy to receive \$1000 for the upcoming summer reading program from the Judith Basin Endowment.

The next meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. (earlier than normal).