

BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2020

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

Vice-Chair Marsha Neill called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. Minutes were reviewed and approved (motion-Mike, second-Sue). The financial status was reviewed and approved (motion-Mike, second-Vicky) All lines are solvent.

Jeanne reported there were several new developments for the building project. The plaques that recognize the architectural firm, contractor and building committee are now engraved. Cody noted that the construction date has not been cited. Jeanne will relate the important omission to Carolyn. Fifteen adult chairs have been purchased by the Guild through the generosity of Trigg and Linda Danielson. Clayton and Joyce Busch donated \$1000 to be applied on the Guild loan from the county.

The newspaper project also has recent developments. In November, the Guild received a \$1500 grant towards digitization from the Judith Basin County Endowment Fund. At the Christmas open house, an anonymous donor gifted the effort \$5000. Jeanne has informed the State Historical Society we are ready to move forward. First up will be the papers dating back to before the county was established in 1920. The plan is to progress from them to the Judith Basin Press, doing as many pages as possible before the money runs out. The images to upload will be taken off the microfilm holdings of the State Historical Society.

The open house was well attended. Jerome Kolar and friends provided beautiful entertainment.

The collection management policy received its second reading. Sue moved to accept the revisions. Mike seconded the motion.

The second meeting of the Public Library Standards Task Force was held in Helena January 13. The members discussed each standard, creating essential standards and standards for the excellence. The proposed changes will now be put before the public libraries. Jeanne thinks some new standards might be difficult to attain for smaller libraries. She anticipates a great deal of discussion at the spring federation meeting and at MLA. Within the next few days, Jeanne will receive the proposed standards with last week's revisions. We will be discussing them at our March meeting. Many pertain to board education, certification and community participation.

The spring federation meeting has been set for March 14 in Laurel. Vicky should be able to accompany Jeanne.

Summer flowers were next on the agenda. With the fundraiser for Stanford Beautification upcoming, Jeanne wondered if the library should be budgeting for plants and/or gift certificates for the ladies who care for them. Cody said that the county is billed for the plants. Since there are a number of people who help with the plants, it was agreed it would be difficult to gift everyone involved.