

BOARD MINUTES

December 5, 2018

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

Following the annual holiday luncheon, the meeting was called together at 1:10 PM by Marsha Neill. Minutes were approved as written and the financial status was reviewed. Midway into the fiscal year, the library is operating within budget. Carolyn moved to accept the financial report, Vicky seconded. Motion passed.

The board received updates on the building project. Jeanne covered interior changes. The children's tables have now arrived. When ordered, there were only enough funds for two, but we have since received a grant from the Strand Foundation and can purchase another two. A beautiful picture of Square Butte and Round Butte has been purchased in memory of Beulah Biegelke. It has been hung as well as the reframed photos of the Mathews family. The metal sculpture was lowered at the same time the pictures were hung. Carolyn's daughter-in-law donated a beautiful tree and decorations. Carolyn purchased lights and seasonal silk flowers. Tess Brady helped with the tree set up. Steph Hammer assisted with the floral arrangements.

Carolyn updated the board on the financial status of the building project. With other monies from the Biegelke family, the Northwestern Energy debate, and a few other gifts, the guild was able to pay \$10,000 on the loan from the county. The debt now stands at \$14,711. There has not been another check from the Strand Estate, but we have received a Northwestern Energy rebate of \$1,689.00. The rebate was less than the guild had hoped. Carolyn will make some inquiries after the first of the year. Cody will help her if need be. The due date for the loan is July 1. Carolyn mentioned that the one year project walk through will take place early in February.

Cody reported installations of sod and sprinklers are completed thanks to the legwork of Commissioner Don Hajenga. The project now looks finished. The board asked Cody to share its appreciation to the commissioners.

Most of the board was able to attend the Fall Federation meeting hosted here September 29. Everyone thought it went very well, but were disappointed the first snowstorm of the season kept the turnout lower than expected. The thirty that attended thought the meeting beneficial and enjoyed the excellent welcome refreshments and luncheon contracted with St. Rose Altar Society. The federation sent a donation to Altar Society of \$100. Jeanne was led to believe it would be a much higher amount and asked the board to approve an additional \$200 to cover the time and groceries it took to cater the event. Vicky moved to pay \$300. Carolyn seconded the motion. Marsha abstained due

to her position as president of Altar Society. Motion carried. Diana Schmitt surprised the federation with a beautiful cake shaped into a stack of books.

Liesl is checking out if Sari Fulbright continues to be interested in subbing in Hobson. Item tabled until next meeting when Liesl will be present.

Cody wanted the board to know that Kim is a gracious hostess to the Ackley Lake Club when they hold their meetings at the Hobson library. In appreciation of her extra time, the club had presented her with a gift certificate.

Jeanne has been approached by individuals and organizations hoping to meet at the Stanford library after hours. One individual represents essential oils and wishes to hold a class. Members of the board had attended similar gatherings and felt they were private business opportunities. This is against library policy. The group organizing a possible wellness center would also like to conduct meetings here on Wednesday nights when the library is open. The board felt it would be disruptive to those using the library on Wednesday nights. We are not set up with a private meeting room and do not have the manpower to clean following events.

The Stanford Christmas stroll is planned for Saturday, December 8. The library hosted an open house during last year's stroll and it was very successful. Jeanne and Norma will again offer music provided by Jerome Kolar and friends, cider and cookies.

The state library is launching a new campaign "Montana in the Palm of your Hand" to boost usage of the states' libraries. Our own stats are behind last year's circulation totals, but remain constant.

Carolyn asked Cody if there would be room in the budget to hire someone to help Jeanne and Norma with the cleaning. Cody did not think that was a possibility—there is not a lot of extra in the salary line. The commissioners would have to talk to Mandy. Carolyn hoped someone could come in for two hours a week at \$20/hr. (approximately \$160.00 monthly—a total of about \$1000 for the rest of the fiscal year. Norma weighed in that she thought she and Jeanne would be OK until Rod retires in the spring and decisions are made for both facilities.

The next board meeting was set for February 20 at 3 PM. Carolyn will phone in from Colorado.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.