

BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

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

Chair Sue Davis called the meeting to order. Vicky moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting, motion seconded by Carol. The financial status was reviewed. All lines are presently in the black although the utilities line may be an issue as heating costs continue to rise.

The inventory has been finalized. Copies in both paper and thumb drive form have been placed in the library and in the clerk and recorder's office. The value of the physical plant is close to one million dollars, the furnishings and equipment close to \$100,000 and the collection is worth \$500,000.

The state newspaper digitization project is on hold. The project was funded by a grant that was slow in being renewed. Since there were no guarantees of renewal, the woman running the project accepted a job elsewhere. The funding has since come through, but there has not been a single applicant for the vacated job. If the position is filled, it may take several years before anything but tribal newspapers are addressed in accordance with the conditions of the grant. In the meantime, we will continue to raise funds for when we are able to move forward.

The Hot Spots are not in high demand right now, but their importance will increase as more people are in and out of town during the summer months.

The South Cental Federation spring meeting will be a Zoom meeting and is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22 at 4 PM. On the agenda will be a discussion concerning making these mandatory meetings into retreats. Small libraries such as ours feel that the retreat style format is not budget friendly. Carol, Sue, Darlene and Vicky think we should stick with the day meetings.

The book controversy at the ImagineIF Library was discussed. Jeanne had included an article about the situation in the board packets. ImagineIF is an important leader in the Montana library community.

The State Library has put out bids for a software vendor for the Montana Shared Catalog. All libraries involved hope we will continue with SirsiDynix. If not, plans are being formulated for a hopefully seamless transition.

Jeanne has reached out to carpet cleaning services since we are now four years into the new carpet. The going rate seems to be \$.45 a square foot plus mileage. To have 5534 square feet cleaned, it would be around \$2200. We will work it into next year's budget.

Vicky will be completing her five year term as the Geyser representative on July 1. To the Board's delight, she agreed to serve a second term.

At the request of the Geyser daycare, Jeanne is taking story hour to Geyser the opposite Wednesdays we have story hour here. There are usually 10-13 children there. Vicky has been able to help with the craft and send pictures to the paper. Everyone involved has been very appreciative. The Stanford story hours have also been going well. Ten to thirteen children are usually at Diana's and, over the year, we have assembled a nice little story hour family here at the library.

The book clubs are flourishing. The Stanford book club continues to grow and the Hobson one is up and going once more. Geyser's is well attended.

The next meeting date is set for April 13 at 1 PM.

Meeting adjourned.