

**Missoula Public Library**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**November 19, 2014**  
**6:00 Director's Office**

**ORDER**           The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Rita Henkel

**ROLL CALL** Present were: Becky Mosbacher, Kathi Doney, Rita Henkel, Matt English, and Honore Bray. Excused: Margaret Wafstet, Christine Prescott,

**OTHER**           Katherine Berman – University of Montana Student

**MINUTES**       Becky Mosbacher made a motion to accept the October 22, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** – NA.

**CLAIMS**          Kathi Doney made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Motion carried

**STATISTICS**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

-In Packets

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Planning for Growth**

Initiative for the library – The poll took place Monday and Tuesday following the election. 40% were cell phone users,( 25% had no land line) The amount given for the bond was \$25 Million – 55% responded yes, following reasons to vote yes another 5% switched to yes totaling 60%. The year given for the bond was 2015 and the potential voters knew the schools may also have a bond.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Policy Review** – Elizabeth Jonkel reported on a conversation with Unique Management. She presented an overview of how things have gone with them for the past two years. The library staff will begin contacting those individuals that have been credit reported and ask if they realize they were credit reported and see if they are interested in resolving the issue.

Issues have arisen in the past months with individuals who have filed bankruptcy. The individuals felt all the money owed to the library was forgiven by bankruptcy so the County Attorney was contacted and only the items not returned are forgiven but any fines or fees associated as not forgiven. This has become an issue for the Accounts Staff when individuals want their account cleared so they can check out again.

Due to recent bankruptcy cases and issues associated a motion was made by Becky Mosbacher to add the following policy to the Claims Returned policy on page 27 of the policy manual. Motion carried.

Policy

If a US Court grants a user discharge of debt due to bankruptcy, all debt related to actual loss by the library shall be removed from the user's account. Debt related to actual loss is any fee associated with actual library materials, such as a replacement charge due to damage or failure to return an item.

Debt disassociated from actual loss, such as overdue and Unique Management referral fines are not dischargeable debt under bankruptcy.

The borrowing privileges of the bankrupt user will be reinstated once the library determines that all outstanding materials that constituted the user's discharged debt are returned.

**Other New Business –**

**Next meeting: December 17, 2014 in the MPL Directors Office at 6:00 PM (notice date change due to the Christmas Holiday)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Honore D. Bray, Director Date

Board representative:

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Rita Henkel Date