

**Missoula Public Library**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**December 18, 2019**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Director's Office**

**ORDER**                   The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Barbara Berens

**ROLL CALL** Members present were: Becky Mosbacher, Barbara Berens, Audra Loyal, Forrest Boughner and Honore Bray. Margaret Wafstet, excused.

**OTHER**               Jon Sears- ae Design, Karl Olson –Foundation for MPL.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANYTHING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

None

**MINUTES November, 2019 meeting** - Becky Mosbacher made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS – None**

**CLAIMS** – Audra Loyal made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS – None**

**STATISTICS** – Discussion

**CITIZENS COMMENTS – None**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Food For Fines** – Users donated 1,210 lbs. of goods and \$31.70 in cash to the Missoula Food Bank in exchange for \$2,307.03 in overdue fees. This compares to last year with 1,100 lbs. of food waived for \$2,420 in fines.

**Weeding the Reference Collection** – The Reference Librarians are heavily weeding the reference collection. These materials are not used today as they were 10 years ago. As the internet has become more populated with information the way people find information has changed. Encyclopedias and other indexes are not the first materials people use today. These materials are extremely expensive so our budget is better spent purchasing the materials users are asking for. This collection will be smaller in the new library. Current materials will be either moved to the circulating collection, weeded, or moved to ready reference. The entire Reference Department is working on this project and great consideration is being given to each of the materials. We realize that in the past these materials were very important to users and Librarians alike but in today's Libraries the uses have changed.

**Climbing structure** – Honore showed a conceptual drawing of the climbing structure that is being vetted by the NIH Committee. We are very pleased that Blake listened so closely to the participants of the Design Build evening at the Public House. Children

asked for places to sit and read, climb, slide, and share fun. This space shows all of those activities available to participants.

**Senior Patron Concerned Call** – A Senior Citizen who is a library user called and asked Honore to express her concern for items being included in the library that are not necessary, such as the climbing structure. Honore explained that the structure was funded by the National Institute of Health. The space provides for health education as well as a space for families to enjoy active play during the cold winter months, hot summer days, and the smoky days in the late summer and early fall. The user feels Missoula provides plenty of parks for this activity and the Library is not a place for this to happen.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Building Project**- Jon Sears report – The project is moving along without issue. The spring will bring dirt work and sidewalks and curbs will be created. Everyone is comfortable with the schedule at this time.  
Change Order: accepted, 90K from construction contingency and 12K from owner contingency.

**Foundation Update** – Karl Olson reported that Giving Tuesday brought over \$2000 of new money to the project. Between tiles and Social Media giving about \$14,500 was raised in December. This is all part of the Rockin Rudy’s Match.

**Grand Opening** – Barbara Berens

Have not had a meeting due to the Holidays  
The Trustees set the time of the Grand Opening to begin at 10:30 and go to 7.  
This gives an hour for clean up before the library closes for the day.

### **OTHER OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Library Director’s Office, MPL**  
Excused – Barbara Berens and Becky Mosbacher

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Honore D. Bray, Director	Date
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Audra Loyal, Vice Chair of the Trustees	Date
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