

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 27, 2013
6:00 PM Directors Office

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair, Christine Prescott

ROLL CALL Present were: Christine Prescott, Rita Henkel, Becky Mosbacher, Neal Leathers and Honore Bray. Absent Margaret Wafstet, Kathi Doney

OTHER None

MINUTES Neal Leathers made a motion to accept the February 27, 2013 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS –None

CLAIMS Becky Mosbacher made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Motion carried

STATISTICS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Hosted the VA Health Care System in the large meeting room. Over 100 Vets and family members attended. The Vets registered for the system, received handouts, and one-on-one training to get into their medical records. Many new faces so it was good exposure for the library.

*MPL is hosting the MLA conference from April 17 – 20, 2013. Foundation Welcome Reception is April 17, at 5:30 in the large meeting room and the Friends Book Award Reception is at the Missoula Winery on the 18th, at 5:30.

*New Maker Space

To begin with the room will be equipped with: 3D printing, Egg-bot Printer, Beginning electronics, book mending machine, spiral binder. The volunteers will be trained on the equipment and we will use some system to teach people how to use equipment and certify them so they can then use that piece of equipment. Classes will be taught on how to use the software and technology. Most people cannot afford to own this equipment and that is why libraries are beginning to get involved and the programs are very successful. More details as things progress.

*More HVAC issues at the library.

*A BARD demo account has been set up so we can help disabled individuals access the talking book library and the materials that are available for disabled individuals. We also have a talking book reader so we can show individuals what the equipment looks like and how to use it.

*Stephen Haddad is working out very well at the Reference Desk. Both users and staff comment on his ability and personality.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning for Growth

The Potomac Branch is in the planning stage. The building inspector didn't like the handicap access so they will be replacing it. A team of four of us will go to Potomac and catalog the collection as soon as the bar codes get here. Jodi Christophe is putting

together a collection of Adult and YA materials to take up as soon as the shelves are in place. The timeline is sometime in June.

Library Safety

Officer Puddy of the City Police has been in to visit about our concerns for emergency evacuation of the building. He will put together a plan with his department and they will do a 3 hour training with the staff. Once the training is complete they will take comments from the day and revise the plan before completing it.

Maker Space

The Maker Space will open in June in the Small Meeting Room. We have contacted the users of the space and they will be scheduled into the other rooms from June forward. We have not had any negative feedback from the users. If we want to offer the services other large libraries around the US are offering we need to utilize the space we have or move forward with a new library. Becky Mosbacher is concerned that the small meeting room space will be missed by the community.

Other Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place concerning waiting lists for the classes offered at the library. We will explore maintaining an interest list so we know what classes are most popular. The list will not be used to call individuals if someone does not show up for the class.

Other New Business

Next meeting: April 24, 2013 at 6:00 PM in Director's Office at MPL

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:

Honore D. Bray, Director Date

Board representative:

Christine Prescott, Chair Date