

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 19, 2014
6:00 PM Directors Office

- ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair, Rita Henkel
- ROLL CALL** Present were: Christine Prescott, Margaret Wafstet, Rita Henkel, Matt English, Becky Mosbacher, Kathi Doney and Honore Bray.
- OTHER** Karl Olsen, MPL Foundation, Barbara Theroux, Downtown Business Owner and President of Friends, Minie Smith, Author of “The Missoula Mercantile: the Store that Ran an Empire”
- MINUTES** Becky Mosbacher made a motion to accept the January 22, 2014 minutes as submitted. Motion carried
- CITIZENS COMMENTS** – Barbara Theroux spoke in favor of the Library looking at the possibility of the Mercantile building becoming the new MPL. She has had positive feedback for community members when she has visited about the issue.
- Mimie Smith, Historian spoke in favor of the Mercantile also. “In 1885 when the building was incorporated Mr.Hammond wanted a library for the employees, Mrs. Bonnor selected the books.” Books were part of the roots of the Merc.
- CLAIMS** Margaret Wefstet made a motion to accept the claims for January 2014 as presented. Motion carried
- STATISTICS** Discussion took place

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

In Packets

Additions to packet – Air handler coil in one boiler is plugged. Johnson Controls is getting a bid for the coil and the cost will be between 8-10k same as the last one. The coil has been patched five times in the last year.

Honore reported that last year the cost of one item being sent by Courier was 13cents. That is less than purchasing the item for the library, making the Partners program very cost effective.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning for Growth

After a great deal of discussion a motion was made by Becky Mosbacher, seconded by Rita Henkel, to pursue the purchase of the Missoula Mercantile Building from Octagon Partners. Motion carried

Christine Prescott made a motion to spend the maximum of eight weeks to see if Octagon is interested in working with the library and if no progress has been made then return to the idea of building on the existing property. Motion Carried

Kathi Doney shared information about two libraries that used New Market Tax Credits to build new buildings. The Garlington law office in Missoula was one project in MT that was built using New Market Tax Credits.

Seed Library

A seed swap took place on the 8th of February at MPL. Individuals brought seeds in from plants they had in the summer of 2013 and the Seed Library Volunteers handled the swap. MPL Children’s Dept did a story hour and activity for the children that attended.

It was a very successful event. Since then people have been checking out seeds from the Reference Desk.

NEW BUSINESS

New online Readers Advisory- Check out the service on the MPL webpage. Many people have used the service and the Reference Staff are enjoying the opportunity to help users find new reads they will enjoy.

Increase in Courier Costs- Critelli raised the cost of single crates from \$3 to \$5 on February 1. On July 1 the cost of the pickup including five crates will increase from \$20 to \$25 dollars per stop. This is still less than the bus when Partners switched to Critelli. The bus was a flat \$8 per crate and a local courier transported the crates to and from the bus depot.

Bike Repair Station- We were contacted two years ago about putting a bike repair station at the library. Jim took on the project to work with the Bike Walk Alliance for Missoula. MPL will soon have a bike repair station and vending machine by the staff entrance. MPL Friends of the Library will pay for the cement. Jim and Richard will do the work.

Policy Review – MPL policy manual was review and updated February 19, 2014

Other New Business – Margaret will be excused from the March meeting.

Next meeting: March 26,2014

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:

Honore D. Bray, Director

Date

Board representative:

Rita Henkel

Date