

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 25, 2015
6:00 PM
Director's Office

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

ROLL CALL Members present were: Rita Henkel, Becky Mosbacher, Christine Prescott, Margaret Wafstet, Matt English, and Honore Bray by phone. Excused, Kathi Doney.

OTHER None

MINUTES Christine Prescott made a motion to accept the January 28, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS -

CLAIMS Becky Mosbacher made a motion to accept the January 28, 2015, claims as presented. Motion carried.

STATISTICS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

spectrUM is working on the Memorandum Of Understanding to join the Library Space. Their Board was concerned by the wording in the newspaper article concerning the library needing all the space in a few years so they would need to move out. Honore has explained to those who are not onboard with the development of the Children's Department that the first expansion of the Department will happen when the new library opens with spectrUM as the hands on science part of learning and the Children's Museum and Family First as the active play portion. This eliminates duplicate services and puts a greater team with expertise in the Library to help with the learning process.

Tax Increment Funds – Kevin and Honore met with Missoula Redevelopment District to find out about TIF funds for the new building. Once we are closer to the date we will know what is available. TIF funds can be used for bricks and mortar on government buildings.

Some of the Library Action Team attended a meeting with the Leaders from the Chamber of Commerce to explain the process for the new library building. Members were very supportive of the new building.

National Library week is April 13-18 and the library will have programming leading up to the Foundation Event on the 18th.

Unfinished Business

Planning for Growth

Building Committee Report –

Visioning Committee Report – Honore Bray

“Under One Roof” is the theme for the vision. We will test it out on the focus group on April 13. Steve Edwards will facilitate the group and it will be by invitation.

Speakers Bureau – Christine Prescott

Members are meeting with the individuals they said they would talk to about the project. Asking for advice and giving the message about the new library.

A motion was made by Christine Prescott that Honore should be the sole speaker for news releases concerning the Library Building Project. If Honore is not available then Rita Henkel would be the spokesperson so there is a unified message. Motion carried

Rita will contact Frank and request that the foundation members honor the wishes for unity of voice to the media.

Other Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

Close the Library on April 18, at 4:00 PM for the Foundation Event

Becky Mosbacher made a motion that the library close at 4:00 PM on Saturday April 18, 2015 to accommodate the Foundation Event. Motion Carried

User Complaint concerning people hanging out downstairs loitering in the hallway – Staff walk through the area during open hours. If there is a problem they deal with it in the appropriate manner. The library does not discriminate or refuse services to anyone not breaking policy.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:

Honore D. Bray, Director Date

Board representative:

Rita Henkel Date