

**Missoula Public Library**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**January 17, 2007**  
**6:00 P.M.**

- ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Becky Mosbacher
- ROLL CALL** Members present were: Becky Mosbacher, Kate Jackson, Neal Leathers, Beth Antonopoulos, Rita Henkel and Honore Bray. John Brown was excused.
- OTHERS** Claire Morton, Assistant Director, Christine Hadlow, Chairman of the Public Service Committee, Karen Gonzales, Children's Department, Gail Hollowell, Technical Services and Reference Librarian, Marje Doyle, YA Department and Christine Prescott, Page.
- MINUTES** Minutes of the November Meeting were accepted as presented. Motion by Beth Antonopoulos (these minutes were not read at the December meeting due to Board Training)  
Minutes of the December Meeting were accepted as presented. Motion by Neal Leathers
- CITIZENS COMMENTS**  
None
- STATISTICS** No questions
- CLAIMS** The format being used for Claims is very confusing at times. Honore and Claire will work on a better system to make it easier to track changes that are made during the budget year.  
A motion was made by Kate Jackson to accept the claims as presented, motion passed with one abstention due to a member who was missing the claims sheet in the packet.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
A short update on the legislative information was sent out.
- OLD BUSINESS**
- Customer Service Centered Library Project Proposal** – The board was presented with a packet of information that had been gathered by the committee. Committee members presented their findings and Honore went over the cost proposals. Questions were answered and the board voted to move forward with the project. A letter will be sent to architectural firms in February inviting them to visit the library and bid on the new project. The largest expense in the project will be moving ahead with self-check which has been part of the long range plan since the first mill levy. Honore pointed out that the materials purchased for this project are movable and if a new library is built several years down the road, the shelving and furniture are all movable. Moving the two existing offices to expand the YA area is only a small percent of the project.
- Trustee Training** – A letter concerning the training Veryl Kosteczko provided in December was shared with the board.
- Construction update** – The lab will be functional by the first week of February. Staff is being trained now. A grand opening will take place sometime during the first part of February.
- Legislative Day** - Kate Jackson, Honore, Karen and Marje represented Missoula Public Library at Legislative Day. The MLA reception at the State Library was well attended by Legislators who had a choice of three functions that evening. Senator Lewis from the Education Committee asked that the OCLC part of the funding for libraries be added to the State Library base budget so Darlene is in the process of doing that. This would pay every library in Montana's portion of the

OCLC bill for services. In the case of MPL it would free up about \$30k to be used in other ways. This is one way for the money to be used to touch every community in Montana and allow everyone a level playing field.

**Date for Boards to meet** – The Library Board would like to invite Friends and Foundation Board members to meet and discuss the purpose of each of the boards. This would happen during the February Board Meeting. Dale Bickell will be invited for the first 45 min and at 7:00 P.M. the three boards will meet. Honore will extend the invitation. The date chosen for the meeting is Thursday February 22.

**Draft Contract** – A draft copy of the branch contract is included in the packets for board information. The contract has not been given the okay by the Co. Attorney at this time. Once the Co. Attorney responds to the contract language the board can move forward with plans.

**Other Old Business-**

Board Packets – More care needs to be taken with the Board Packets. Some people are not receiving all the information or have different versions than others. A solution will be found.

Board Meeting in Board Room – Discussion took place about the size of the space for board meetings. It was requested that a larger space than the Director's Office be used for the meeting. Claire will schedule a larger room.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers** – Discussion took place concerning the current officers on the board. Since there are many new board members Neal Leathers made a motion to retain the current Board structure. Motion carried. Becky Mosbacher will remain Chairman and Kate Jackson will remain Vice Chairman.

**Other New Business-**

**NEXT MEETING**

February 22, 2007 location to be announced.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:50**

Respectfully submitted by:

Honore D. Bray 2-28-07  
Honors D. Bray, Director Date

Board representative:

Becky Mosbacher 2/28/07  
Becky Mosbacher, Chair Date