

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 16, 2007
6:00 P.M.

- ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Chair Becky Mosbacher
- ROLL CALL** Members present were: Becky Mosbacher, Neal Leathers, Beth Antonopulos, Rita Henkel, Kate Jackson, John Brown and Honore Bray, acting Secretary.
- OTHERS** Claire Morton, Assistant Director
- MINUTES** Minutes of the April 18th meeting were approved as submitted. Motion by Beth Antonopulos, motion carried.
- CITIZENS COMMENTS**
NONE
- STATISTICS** Discussion took place concerning the database statistics and the fact that some database statistics are from counting searches while others count users. It is not possible for us to control the statistics because they are collected by the vendors.
- CLAIMS** A motion to accept the claims as presented was made by Neal Leathers. Motion carried
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
The cost of service study we prepared for Dale Bickell was prepared by zip code. Dale said he may be interested in costs associated with the branch libraries. We will wait to see if they decide they want something different. At this point it is \$32.98/patron.
- Other topics included in packet
- OLD BUSINESS**
- FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL BOARD**- has not called to set an appointment with MPL Board. Honore will call the Superintendent to see if we can get the meeting set so we can concentrate on getting the branch opened.
- BUDGET FY08** – Following a brief discussion concerning the proposed budget Neal Leathers made the motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.
- Kate Jackson asked if in the future personnel enhancements could have the salary broken down to show benefits and actual salary.
- OVERDRIVE**- Claire presented a short update on the coming of the downloadable audio product. Some type of product should be here in the near future. Beth would like to see some fiction electronic book selections. At this time the NetLibrary books the Partners own are reference titles. We have not had requests for fiction titles in electronic format so have not looked into the purchase.
- MSC MEETING** – Claire attended the Shared Catalog meeting in Helena (Honore was at Labor Management Training) Sarah McHugh who has been the system administrator of the catalog since its inception is moving on to new opportunities. The State Library will be moving the finances of the MSC to their budget in October but in the meantime MPL will submit a budget with the county to cover MSC expenses through October.

PARTNERS POLICY CHANGE – All but one of the Partner Libraries was on the last conference call and agreed to change the limit on renewals to 2 unless the title has a hold. We are waiting for the final consensus.

UNIQUE MANAGEMENT COLLECTION AGENCY - Claire presented a brief update and asked the board to consider a free 90 day trial. Concerns about the product – wording in the letters and phone messages, damage to a patron’s credit rating, child vs. adult records and age limit when a child can sign for own card. Claire will visit with someone at Great Falls Library where Unique is now used. John Brown was concerned about the image the library may have when approaching materials that ~~overdue~~ ^{overdue} as a business. Claire will have more information for the June meeting.

Other Old Business-

NEW BUSINESS

MOLLY KLISS – A documentary movie “Hollywood Librarian” will premier at ALA in June. Molly is one of the celebrities in the movie. The MPL Foundation is helping to pay for Molly to attend the conference. Molly would like to do a movie premier at MPL during the summer and the Foundation Board would like to sponsor a reception to launch the movie. They will use the function to express appreciation to Foundation donors.

LABOR MANAGEMENT TEAM – Claire, Honore and union members will form a labor management team where concerns that don’t belong in negotiations can be discussed. Jeff Howe, the MPEA Union Steward will act as the facilitator of this group. Even though there is an open door policy from administration some staff feels a need to have others bring their concerns forward. This is to be a monthly meeting. As of yet no ground rules have been set or committee formed.

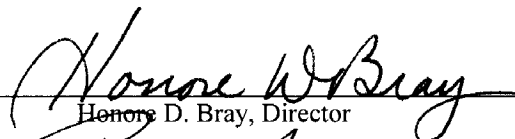
Other New Business-

NEXT MEETING

June 20th in Condon at the Swan Valley Branch (Carpool to the branch libraries) meet at the library at 9:00 AM

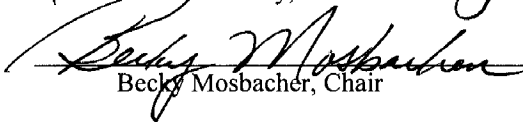
ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:


Honore D. Bray, Director

6-20-07
Date

Board representative:


Becky Mosbacher, Chair

6/20/07
Date