

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

ORDER **The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Becky Mosbacher**

ROLL CALL Members present were: Becky Mosbacher, Neal Leathers, Beth Antonopulos, John Brown, Rita Hinkel and Honore Bray.

OTHERS Steve White

MINUTES Minutes of the September 25th meeting were approved with a correction to the spelling of Antonopulos. Motion by Rita Henkel, motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS
NONE

STATISTICS **No comments**

CLAIMS Motion to accept the claims as presented was made by Neal Leathers. Motion carried

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Three Frenchtown School Board members plus Steve White will be the committee to meet with the Library Board concerning the Branch.

\$100,000 donation has been made to the Library Foundation

The Computer Club from the University is working with Marge Doyle to provide classes for our patrons. This is a great opportunity for the library and for the community.

The Swan Valley Library Board that was created to maintain the building holds a 501 C3. This could pose a problem to MPL because they are a legal entity and we need to do further research into who is the owner of the building etc. Jean Curtiss has a few questions that need to be answered and so does the representative from the State Library. Jean Curtiss suggested Honore call Hal at Risks and Benefits to see who pays insurance on the building as a starting place. Honore will call the County Attorney and visit about the next steps to take.

OLD BUSINESS

New Staff – Joyce Doyle the new YA/PR Librarian was introduced to the Board Members

Redesign – The offices are under construction and should be finished by the middle of November at the latest. Final drawings should be available soon so we can get a final cost from Dennis. \$11,300 for the furniture in the Adult area will be paid by the Foundation.

New Board Member - Notices will be in the paper on Oct 15th. Branch area residents will be encouraged to apply.

Frenchtown Branch – A meeting with members of the FT Board and the Library Board will meet on October 22, at 6:00 PM to discuss the Interlocal Agreement and other issues that might surface. Steve presented some questions that he has but they can be worked out between the two staffs.

MSC Budget – Claire is hoping to move the budget for the Shared Catalog to the State Library next week.

Downloadable Products – The spring looks like the soonest date for the downloadable project. Claire may have more information next month.

Federation Representative – Once the new Board Members are on board we will vote for a representative for the Federation from MPL. This is an important function of Library Boards and the Federation is where Coal Severance money comes from for libraries. John Brown questions the viability of Federations in today's society. It is part of Montana Code and can only be changed by a law change. The topic will go on the January agenda.

Other Old Business-

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Trustee Workshop in Missoula on November 10 - Honore reminded everyone to sign up or let her know so she can register them for the workshop. It is on Montana Law and important to attend. It is from 9 – 4 at the Hilton and lunch is provided.

Staff Party – Friends will pay for the party again this year. More details to follow.

Parking Reconfiguration – Rob lined the ramp with parking spaces as we are out of parking for staff and patrons. When staff arrives at noon for work all the spaces in the regular lot are gone.

Offline – This is a yearly workshop about Library Technology. This year it will take place at MPL and Jim and Claire are Co-chairs. Attendance is usually 50 – 60 and it takes place on Friday and Saturday, February 22 & 23, 2008. More details will be available at the next meeting. Board members are welcome to attend.

Other New Business- Meeting date is the day before Thanksgiving. Nobody is opposed to this date so it will be on November 21, at 6 PM

NEXT MEETING November 21, 2007 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Honore D. Bray, Director Date

Board representative: _____
Becky Mosbacher, Chair Date