

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 21, 2008
6:00 P.M.

- ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Neal Leathers
- ROLL CALL** Members present were: Neal Leathers, Christine Prescott, Beth Antonopulos, Rita Henkel, Brenda Jackson, Margaret Wafstet, and Honore Bray.
- OTHERS** Claire Morton, Asst. Director
- MINUTES** Minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting were approved with the addition to MLA. A couple of staff members attended a mental health workshop at MLA and this is something we should do periodically with all staff. Motion by Brenda Jackson, motion carried.
- CITIZENS COMMENTS**
NONE
- CLAIMS** Christine Prescott made the motion to accept the claims as presented, motion carried.
- STATISTICS** Claire reported that a total of \$2,500 was forgiven with the Food for Fido fines amnesty week. Claire also pointed out that circulation has taken a huge increase in the last few months.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
In Board Packets.

Discussion took place concerning the wireless use at the Seeley Branch. Honore will visit with Jim about tracking the use when the library is closed. If it is possible it will give a better count of usage. The wireless remains on when the library is closed and people park in the lot and use the service. This should show some place in the statistics.

Sally Mullen will be doing some consulting at the library. She will help us transition from the service areas and staffing we now have to the new model. Staff will be completing the Myers-Briggs personality assessment test and then she will do training on how each of us complements the other. Staff has been patient with the construction but it is wearing on nerves at this point.

OLD BUSINESS

TRAINING - Library trustee training will now take place on June 30th from 6-8 PM

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO – Claire reported that Overdrive was given the Montana contract for FY09. 13 – 15 libraries are participating in the first round. Some LSTA money will be available for the project. Claire and Sarah McHugh from the State Library are working on an on-going cost formula. Implementation will take place in July or August and we will be billed soon so we can use the funding in the FY08 budget. Download stations will be \$500 each rather than \$2,500.

CONSTRUCTION – The CD drawers are being revamped by Norco because when the first two were installed they fell apart. Gaylord said they have never had this problem and the two examples we purchased were fine. Jim from Norco will add another drawer slide in the middle so they are sturdy.

The gnome entrance is complete and the party will be on Saturday. Discussion took place concerning the darkness in that area. Jim is working with the electrical consultants to get the lights working and that will add the brightness back to the area.

The YA carpet is backordered. Target date for the grand opening of the YA space is June 28th.

BUDGET – After a detailed discussion of the preliminary first draft of the budget a motion was made by Beth Antonopulos to approve the preliminary budget to present to the Commissioners. Motion carried.

Other Old Business-

NEW BUSINESS

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CLOSURE – A motion was made by Christine Prescott to close the library at 6:00 PM on July 3rd. Motion carried.

TYPEWRITER – Christine asked if another typewriter could be available for Patron use because the one that is in the Audra Browman room gets so much use. We will make another typewriter available.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is June 18, 2008 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT – 8:45

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

Board representative: _____
Neal Leathers, Chair Date