Missoula Public Library

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**September 22, 2021**

**6:00**

**ZOOM online meeting**

# Citizen comments are very important to the Library Trustees. Policy states that public comment is limited to three minutes on each agenda item or three minutes at the beginning of the meeting on items not on the agenda.

# ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair, Audra Loyal

**ROLL CALL** Members present were: Audra Loyal (Online), Becky Mosbacher, Forrest Boughner, Margaret Wafstet (Online), Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson (Online), Carol Wolfe, and Honore Bray.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karl Olson – MPL Foundation, Staff members: Will Klaczynski, Amanda Allpress

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANYTHING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

**MINUTES –**

**August 25, 2021 meeting –** Becky Mosbacher made a motion to accept the

minutes as presented. Forrest Boughner, second the motion. Motion carried.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

**September 15, Special meeting –** Forrest Boughner made a motion to accept the minutes as

presented. Becky Mosbacher second the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS** – **August 2021,** The Creative Bug subscription should be paid from the Friends not the regular Library Budget. Forrest Boughner made a motion to accept the claims with the change of Creative Bug coming from the Friends budget. Becky Mosbacher second the motion. Motion carried.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

**STATISTICS –** No comments

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**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The Friends have new book bags and pens for sale in the store

Friends will be paying for an online subscription to the New York Times. It can be used in house and out of house with you library card number. The subscription cost is $2500 per year. After the first year the statistics will show if it should be renewed.

The Friends are also extended the materials budget by paying for Board Games for the FY22 budget.

Amanda Allpress installed an art exhibit by Mark Steinberg, a retired Dr. The exhibit will travel to libraries around MT. It is on the fourth floor public gallery space.

Soft Landing has an exhibit on fourth floor also. It is in the reception area. It highlights individuals who have come to Missoula through the program at Soft Landing. They intend to expand this display each year. The Friends of MPL sponsored the reception for the opening of the exhibit.

Home Resources “Spontaneous Construction” projects are also on display throughout the library. Sarah Velk has been working with many organizations around town providing information on how they can work with the library to provide these great showcases for the community.

Solar Panels are being installed at the library. The project should be complete by next week.

Climbing structure is also being installed. The soft play area will be installed in January or early February with an opening of the area sometime in late February.

Brian West will no longer represent the Library from the County Attorney’s Office. Brain will finish up the cases he has been working on but Dylan Jaicks will now work with the library as legal counsel.

The three month Calendar and newsletter for the Library listing all program that have planned for September, October, and November are out and it is full. This was a huge job for Karl Olson and the PR committee as well as Sarah Velk. Pulling all organizations and programs together in the correct time frame is a huge feat.

\*Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson asked if it is available online. Karl Olson responded yes to the programs but not the rest of the information. They are still working getting it laid out correctly so it can be viewed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Building –** The outside decks on second and fourth floors needed more supports under the surface. Summit Roofing has been working on that deficit this week and should finish by Thursday.

-The Café gate still does not work properly. DAC has been advised

-Few heating and cooling items still exist by JCI is working on them

-The Right door as you enter the front of the building has been replaced but now the hinge is howling as the door opens.

-Audra Loyal reported that the building budget still has contingency money to cover some of the outstanding expenses.

-Honore Bray said in a meeting with Co Finance, it was decided to cover other costs with MPL budget and one budget transfer will be made at the completion of the project.

**COVID Conversation –** Most of the individuals, and staff, entering the library are wearing masks. The question was asked if security is wearing masks. Honore said one guard wears them and one does not.

The library has received many thanks from the public.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:**

# NEW BUSINESS

**FY22 Budget Confirmation –** After discussion of the budget, Forrest Boughner made a motion to adopt the FY22 Budget. Carol Wolfe second the motion, motion passed.

**Library Director Recruitment update** – HR has listed the position. It closes on October 12, 2021. HR will do the initial vetting of candidates and then the committee will be involved in the rest. Carol Wolfe asked if the candidate pool isn’t large enough if they will keep it open longer. Audra Loyal said they will look at the first pool before making a decision. They have advertised on several external sources.

**Next meeting will take place in person and online.**

**Time: October 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

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Honore D. Bray, Director Date

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Audra Loyal, Chair of the Trustees Date