Missoula Public Library

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**September 21, 2023**

**6:00**

**Seeley Lake Library & 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 3:05 by Chair, Forrest Boughner

**ROLL CALL** Members present were Forrest Boughner, Julie Edwards (online), Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Carol Wolfe, and Slaven Lee.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA –**

1. Consent Agenda

Minutes – August 23, 2023 meeting

Claims – August 2023

Statistics – August 2023

Citizen Comments:

There was discussion about Partner reimbursements and how those work. Lisa made a motion to accept the items on the consent agenda following discussion. Carol, 2nd the motion, motion carried.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**DNA Climber**

* The County Legal team continues to look for a playground inspector to perform a follow-up inspection as agreed to.

**Bookmobile**

* Slaven, Dave Wall (County Auditor), and Brian Doyle reviewed submissions from Bookmobile vendors. They also watched demonstrations and met with the top two, scored them accordingly, and selected TechOps for the project.
* So far, the Foundation has raised almost half of the necessary funds needed. Slaven and Karl have applied for grants from the Sample Foundation, the Otto Bremer Trust, the PLA Jerry Kline Community Impact Award, among other opportunities.

**Budget Update** – The County Commissioners approved the budget last week.

**Director Goal Setting** – Forrest and Julie will meet with Slaven to draft goals for the next year or so.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Trustee Job Shadowing** – Forrest, Lisa, and Julie shared how much they enjoyed and appreciated job shadowing with various staff. They learned about the AMH, circulation, services provided in the Montana Room and Makerspace, and walked around the building with Brett to learn about the work Safety Specialists do.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Citizen Comments:

**BOARD SHARED TRAINING**

Shared training discussion – Future Proofing Your Library by EveryLibrary – There was a discussion about advancing technology in libraries, marketing segmentation (what about google analytics for advocacy?), and book challenges. If there were a book challenge or budget cut, who in the community would be advocate?

There is interest in having Tracy Cook provide a training about what does advocacy looks like for library boards. Slaven talked to her about this.

Suggestion to develop a roster of advocates to reach out to when needed. Invite Karl to the conversation. Trustees will suggest names. Lisa is on the Interfaith Collaborative board; Julie is going to recall her conversation related to community advocates and report back.

Lisa suggested Board participation in Banned Books Week.

Slaven suggested advocacy related to higher wages for library staff.

A recent Flathead Beacon article about Book Bans was published.

Lisa got CE info from Colet at the Montana State Library and the Board has earned enough credits, so trainings will be postponed for a bit. Julie would like to see it put into practice. Will set future training calendar in December meeting.

**Next meeting will take place at the Missoula Public Library and online: October 25. Megan will take minutes.**

# ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:

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Forrest Boughner, Chair of the Trustees Date