Missoula Public Library

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**November 15, 2023**

**6:00**

**Blackfoot Board Room & 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 6:05 by Chair, Forrest Boughner

**ROLL CALL** Members present were Forrest Boughner, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Megan Moore, and Slaven Lee. There was not a quorum, so no votes were taken and the meeting was brief.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melissa Munn, Will Klaczynski (online)

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

**CONSENT AGENDA –**

1. Consent Agenda

Minutes – October 25, 2023 meeting

Claims – October 2023

Statistics – October 2023

Megan was curious about the Mental Health First Aid training listed on the Work Plan. Slaven explained that it is a daylong training course which uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect persons to professional, peer and social supports as well as self-help resources. Megan was very supportive of staff participating in this kind of training.

It was noted that passport agents are making many passports and that is exciting.

Citizen Comments:

**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**

* The Foundation continues to fundraise. We were awarded $30,000 from the Otto Bremer Trust.

**Boundaries Training** – Melissa Munn will be offering two training sessions tomorrow on how to set and maintain healthy boundaries in various situations. We will cover library-specific scenarios.

**Author Programs** – Recent author programs have drawn large crowds and lots of enthusiasm. The Montana State Poet Laureate program with Chris La Tray and Corrie Williamson was funded by the Foundation and approximately 300 people attended. Stephanie Land is coming to MPL for her book tour. The event will be facilitated by Hank Green.

**Montana Free Press –** *Homeless — but not alone — at the Missoula Public Library* article has been creating conversation. It explores how MPL is serving the city’s growing population of people experiencing homelessness.

**Coffee Shop or Café RFP –** The Trustees plan to review Slaven’s recommendation for a new vendor next meeting. Proposals are due on December 11.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Citizen Comments:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Citizen Comments:

**Next meeting will take place at the Missoula Public Library and online: December 27, 2023.**

# ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:

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Slaven Lee, Director Date

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Forrest Boughner, Chair of the Trustees Date