## **Missoula Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting** **Minutes**

August 27, 2025 6:00 PM   
Missoula Public Library, Blackfoot Board Room and Zoom

Present: Slaven Lee, Megan Moore, Julie Edwards, Katy Walter, Janice Nugent, Alex Beal, Peter Donaldson, Will Klaczynski, Selya Avila

Megan Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Citizen comments on anything not included on the agenda  
 Citizen Comments: None.

Consent Agenda

* + Minutes – July 23, 2025
  + Statistics – July 2025
  + Claims – July 2025

Megan had a question about the loan/borrowing charts.

Action Item: Slaven will check this chart to make sure it is accurate.

Citizen Comments: None

Approved.

Director’s Report

* + DNA Playground – officially opened with an opening ceremony on Friday the 22nd. Mayor and Commissioner Strohmaier were here. Mayor reiterated commitment to DEI and noted that this is the first city-funded NIH project in a public library.
  + Slaven and Karl met with two polling agencies. Both are very thorough and cost around $30,000. Polling will happen in the fall or winter. Slaven has asked the Foundation to fund $25,000 and the Friends for $10,000. We will get good data about the library in general.
  + MPL received a grant from the County Commissioner Mental Health Fund to fund a licensed social worker. Virgina starts on Tuesday as a short-term hire and then the position will be more broadly opened for applications.
  + Tomorrow the 28th is staff training with the State of Mind theater group from the university. Home Resouces is coming later in the day to talk about being Zero Waste ambassadors.
  + Selya and Slaven gave a tour to the Community Justice Initiative (Missoula Co, Philadelphia, and Chicago) to see what the library is doing related to community justice work.
  + Slaven went out on the Bookmobile. Great example of how the library is serving low-income youth.
  + The library has been approached by the Missoula Redevelopment Agency because they are developing the Northern Railway Park and there is an information gathering process about what is going into that space. The Missoula community has said they are interested in having a library there. Architects are going to be here on September 17th and meeting to look at the space with Karl and Slaven. Megan will represent the board at that meeting.

New Business

* + Resolution for Voter Mills. State legislature changes mean that we have to take mills that the library has and transfer them to a dollar amount. This does not impact the mill we have, which won’t grow. We are being asked to decide if it’s ok to transfer our existing mill to a dollar amount.  
      
    Motion to change our mill to a dollar amount as recommended by the county. Approved.
  + Frenchtown MOU. Elizabeth or Amanda will present on this next month.
  + Proposal for Naloxone vending machine. Dose of Hope is asking that the library host a vending machine where people can get Narcan for free. Megan had some questions about the city’s responsibility to fund services. As they reduce services, do they keep expecting the library to pick these social services up without support. There should be messaging about what Narcan does and how safe it is so the public understand why we have it here. Motion to host the machine in the library. Approved.

### Unfinished Business

* + Mill Campaign. No updates. We need to do the polling and go from there.
  + Policy Manual. Updated manual is in the board packet. Please read and be prepared to ask questions and vote on it next month. Look at the library card policy in particular.
  + Program Attendance. Janice attended a string art presentation and one by Ramona Holt about the Fairgrounds. Julie and Peter attended parts of IndigiPalooza which was an excellent event. Kudos to Selya and everyone who organized it. There were around 1100 seats filled. The committee raised $111,000 to fund the project including 500 individual funders.
  + Board Training. We will pick up next month with a reading.

**Next meeting will take place at the Missoula Public Library and online: September 24, 2025.**

Megan adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Slaven Lee, Director Date

Julie Edwards, Co-Chair of the Trustees Date