

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 26, 2020
6:00 PM
Director's Office

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Barbara Berens

ROLL CALL Members present were: Barbara Berens, Audra Loyal, Margaret Wafstet, Forrest Boughner, Carol Wolfe and Honore Bray. Becky Mosbacher, joined by phone

OTHER Chris Martison- ae Design

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANYTHING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None

MINUTES January 2020– Audra Loyal made the motion to accept the minutes. Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

CLAIMS – Audra Loyal made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

STATISTICS – Discussion

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Positions at MPL-

We will be hiring a 40 hour person for building maintenance in March and a 20 hour maintenance person when we move to the new building. In the new building there will be a maintenance person assigned to each floor. They will work 20 hours on the floor they are assigned each week. Robert Peltzer will maintain the boilers and the new 40 hour person will do windows etc.

The Assistant Library Director position will be split prior to moving into the new building. This job description has been worked on by Honore and Rita in conjunction with HR for the past year. The personnel and timekeeper part of the position will remain with Elizabeth Jonkel. The Catalog, Circulation staff and AMH system will move to the new position. This will give the Library three Management positions to supervise 50 staff.

Department Tours –

Honore and Jim will begin taking each department on tours of the building so they can see the progress that has been made since the fall tours and begin to plan for new spaces.

Save the Date Cards –

Barbara Theroux and Honore have addressed the SDC's and mailed them.

Fine Free –

American Library Association has asked Libraries to go fine free. This is a move toward Social Justice. Fine Free at MPL would take away the 10 cents a day fines. Computers, telescopes, ILL's etc. will still accrue fines if this decision is made. Children cannot get their items back to the library without an Adult bringing them so often they have fines. Other libraries who have gone fine free report that books they never thought would be returned have shown up in their book drops. We just want the items back.

MLA is April 1-4, 2020-

If you would like to attend it is at the Holiday Inn and MPL will pay your registration. This is a good place to get CE's toward certification.

Story Corp-

A program of Public Radio. They will be in Missoula on June 4, through July 4 2020. We will host them in our parking lot and in return get a few spots for live interviews of people we recommend. The Interviews are cataloged by the Library of Congress and kept in their archives. We can receive copies of the interviews for our collection.

AXIS 360-

Half of the Opening Day Collection will be eBooks and digital audio books. This collection will be discovered in our catalog and will only be for MPL card holders. This will provide our users with more access to digital titles without such a long wait time. We will continue to support MTLIB2GO for the next year.

Furniture Bids

The bids were granted to three Missoula firms. CDA, Office City and OS2.

Caroline Campbell –

Caroline received the Support Staff of the Year Award from MLA. She will get her award at the Awards Dinner at MLA in April. If you would like to attend we will purchase tickets for you.

Unfinished Business

Building Project- Chris Martison

The project is moving forward with a few issues but nothing big.

Chris explained the Change Orders for the month with deducts of \$12,824.03 and \$40,290.09 charged against the Construction Contingency.

Forrest Boughner made a motion to accept the Change Order, motion carried.

Grand Opening – Barbara Berens made an update on the food for the Grand Opening. Rather than a cake, muffins, or donuts will be used. A blessing from the Tribe is in the works.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS

Becky Mosbacher made a motion for the Library to go Fine Free as of July 15, 2020
Motion carried

Margaret Wafstet made a motion to close the Library at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 1,
2020 for MLA.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Following the adjournment of the meeting ASPEN Training will take place for the Trustees

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:

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Honore D. Bray, Director	Date
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Barbara Berens, Chair of the Trustees	Date