

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, December 20, 2010
4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Mitch Tropila, Ms. Judy Riesenber, Ms. Mary Brinkley, and Ms. Dea Nowell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Bunny Albers

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Mora and Ms. Korri Shupe

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

Ms. Riesenber called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Nowell moved and Mr. Tropila seconded the motion to approve the consent items as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Ms. Nowell moved and Mr. Tropila seconded the motion to approve the operating vouchers (after discussion) as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

III. STAFF REPORT

None.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The lease with AAUW for use of the 3rd floor space is up for renewal. We will be leasing the space for another 3 years, under the same conditions as in the previous lease.

Update on Facebook: we currently have 221 "fans" on our Facebook page. We will be posting pictures from the Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Facebook soon.

The Great Falls Public Library Foundation's 21st Annual Book-a-Thon is going really well. As of December 10, 399 donors have given \$30,041.

The Stuffed Animal Sleepover was a huge success. We had 62 stuffed animals spend the night at the library. With children and parents, we had a very large group attend the story time with Dona Stebbins, along with sing-a-longs and cookies. We are already looking forward to the 2nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

All items being held for patrons will be held at the 1st floor desk. Thank you for the suggestion from the board to consolidate held materials to one location, to avoid confusion.

We will hold an Amnesty Week during the 1st week of February. Patrons with fines will be able to bring in cans of food (1 can for every \$5.00 in fines) in exchange for waiving fines on their account up to \$50.00. Mr. Tropila suggested we send a welcome back card to those patrons that will be able to use the library again.

The Friends of the Library met earlier this month and have approved funding of two projects for the library. They are going to pay for the framing of a historic Montana map, in addition a \$500 donation to help fund the Book Festival in the spring.

Ms. Nowell and Ms. Huey have fulfilled all the requirement of the MT Certification Program.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Riesenbergs is planning on writing an editorial to the GF Tribune about all the events the library offers. Ms. Riesenbergs asked if another board member would be willing to do follow up editorials to help promote all the library has to offer the public.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

X. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 5:05 p.m.