

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday February 25, 2008
4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Mark Meyer, Ms. Judy Riesenber, Ms. Bunny Albers, Ms. Penny Hughes-Briant, and Ms. Sheila Kelly

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Jim Heckel, and Ms. Korri Shupe

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Riesenber moved and Ms. Hughes-Briant seconded the motion to approve the consent items as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Ms. Hughes-Briant moved and Ms. Riesenber seconded the motion to approve the operating vouchers as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

III. STAFF REPORT

None.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The state MLA conference will be held in Great Falls this year. If any of the board is interested in attending please get your registration form to Korri.

Mr. Heckel has not been able to meet with the County Commissioners about the PPL tax protest settlement yet. Ms. Kelly asked if we are capped like the school district. Mr. Heckel doesn't know at this time. Mr. Heckel is hoping to meet with the County within the next few weeks to gain a better understanding of the amount due to the library and the payment structure.

We had a very successful Amnesty Week February 10 - 16. We forgave over \$1000 in fines in exchange for canned goods.

The canned goods collected from the Amnesty Week will be used for the library's entry in the CANstruction competition, lead by Susie McIntyre. The YAAK group and Susie's

daughter are also helping us with the CANstruction competition on February 23 at the Holiday Village Mall.

We recently settled an employee grievance filed against us. Two employees applied for a full time library clerk position and the one not selected filed a grievance. The city did not want to pursue the grievance and settled by offering the employee full time as well. The city has agreed to help us the first year with the additional costs.

Another grievance we are dealing with is from a former employee of the library. She was terminated over three years ago. The City is handling the legal aspects of this wrongful discharge case. This particular case has already gone through the union/city grievance process and we prevailed.

On the front page of today's paper was a very good article about the arch that is being built for the library's front plaza. We have a contracted Zak Zakovi to construct the arch for \$49,900. He has had some unforeseen additional costs, therefore, we are in negotiations with him. The City Attorney has review our contract and has written Zak a letter to let him know his options.

The CTEP project has now been delayed until September 2008.

Mark Willmarth and Jim have put together a conference, *Can We Talk: A Conference on Civil Discourse*. It will be held at MSU-Great Falls on March 6 and the night portion will be held here at the library. The library is receiving good PR for the conference and we hope to have around 100 participants.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

None.

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.