

**Great Falls Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Monday, May 18, 2009  
4:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Judy Riesenber, Ms. Mary Brinkley, Ms. Bunny Albers, and Mr. Mark Meyer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Penny Hughes-Briant

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Jim Heckel, Ms. Kathy Mora, Ms. Nola Huey, and Ms. Korri Shupe

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Oakland

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

I. CONSENT ITEMS

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

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Ms. Brinkley moved and Ms. Albers seconded the motion to approve the operating vouchers as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

III. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Huey presented the library board with the Summer Reading 2009 brochure. "Be Creative" is the theme this year and she has several contests for juvenile and young adults. She has also planned a silent auction fundraiser for the 2010 Summer Reading program. One noted change is there will not be registration this year for summer reading. Children will just pick up their reading journals. RSVP is working with Ms. Huey to schedule enough volunteers to help with the reading journals.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heckel welcomed Sharon Oakland to the meeting and introduced her to the library board. Sharon is the liaison from the Foundation Board. Ms. Riesenber is the liaison from the library board to the Foundation. Ms. Riesenber plans to attend the next Foundation meeting on June 1.

City Manager Mr. Doyon was unable to attend the board meeting to discuss in further detail the process of hiring a new library director. Mr. Heckel is meeting with him on May 26 to discuss the process and review the job description. Mr. Heckel asked the

board to approve a letter urging Mr. Doyon to move forward with selecting an interim director and make the transition easier.

The budget has undergone a slight improvement and we will be restoring projected cuts to the book budget and ILL. Ms. Oakland asked what ILL was and Mr. Heckel explained that it's a service that we offer our patrons to obtain a book from another library at little to no cost to the patron.

We have set Saturday, June 20, at 11:00 a.m., as the Grand Opening/renaming of the library plaza. We are hopeful that the library board members will attend the ceremony.

Mr. Heckel thanked Ms. Albers for agreeing to serve as our trustee representative to the Pathfinder Federation.

Ms. Hughes-Briant term expires at the end of June. The City commission will appoint a new board member at its June 16 meeting.

Mr. Heckel noted that we usually take July's board meeting off in the summer but would like to have it this year. The board agreed and so we will plan on having a board meeting on July 20.

#### V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

#### VI. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Brinkley asked if the interim director would be required to make changes or present new ideas during their interim time and if he/she would then be judged on how well the ideas worked. Mr. Heckel stated most likely not, that the interim would just maintain the regular structure at the library and be the person of authority until a new director was selected.

Ms. Albers asked how the full staff meeting went and Ms. Shupe said it was really a good meeting with lots of great information.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### IX. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

#### X. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 5:15 p.m.