

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, May 17, 2010
4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Dea Nowell, Mr. Mark Meyer, Ms. Mary Brinkley, and Ms. Judy Riesenber

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Bunny Albers

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Oakland, Great Falls Public Library Foundation Liaison, and Amber Pederson, library intern

Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

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

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

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

III. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Huey attended the meeting to discuss some of the changes over the last year in the Kids Place. In the past year she lost her assistant position in the Kids Place, making a difficult to attend any school for summer reading. She has changed story times to reading to the children only and once a month have a self directed craft. After summer reading last year she didn't have any programs in August. So these changes probably reflect the drop of program attendance. Ms. Huey has drawn up a survey for patrons to be sure we are meeting our patrons' needs. Mr. Meyer complemented Ms. Huey on all she does in the department and how much his family has enjoyed it throughout the years.

IV. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora attended the AAUW luncheon on May 1 and accepted the donation to the library for \$850. They are now also donating to three other libraries in the area.

The GFPL Foundation have approved transferring funds in the amount of \$10,000 for several projects that we presented to them. The chairs on the second floor public area are be reupholstered, \$1,000 for downloadable audio, and \$2,000 for Budding Babies.

July will be the First Annual Parris Gibson Month. There will be events throughout the city and the library will have a display in the lobby featuring the Valeria Library. This was Great Falls' first library that was developed by Valeria Gibson, wife of Paris. We will be bringing down some of the original Valeria Library Windows from the Montana Room for the display in the lobby in addition to other items.

Our revenue for this year is coming in stronger than originally projected. With the addition revenue we have purchased a color copier for the staff, a color printer for the second floor for use with the public computers, and new reading chairs for the reading area on the second floor.

Included in the packet are Ten Year Trend charts for circulation, walk-in traffic and program attendance. Juvenile program attendance shows a marked decrease for this year. We have had some program changes and Ms. Nola will attend the meeting to discuss further.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Riesenbergs asked Ms. Mora if the computer classes were going to offered the next month because she saw that in the partial staff minutes that because of low attendance we might consider canceling it. Ms. Mora told her that the class wasn't canceled for that series.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

X. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 4:55 p.m.