

Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Great Falls Public Library – Montana Room (Third Floor of the Library)
(Virtual access to meeting was available upon request)
4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:, Ms. Jessica Crist (via zoom), Ms. Sam DeForest, Mr. Brad Eatherly, and Ms. Whitney Olson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Anne Bulger

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Ian Kaiser, Ms. Susie McIntyre, and Mr. Aaron Kueffler

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Jill Baker – GFPL Foundation Director and Mr. Bill Tacke - GFPL Foundation Liaison (via zoom)

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Since this is Mr. Eatherly's first meeting, Ms. Olson asked everyone to introduce themselves.

At this time Ms. McIntyre asked Mr. Kaiser to give a brief overview of who he is, what he does at the library, and how long he has worked at the library. Mr. Kaiser left the meeting after his introduction.

I. AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Olson asked if anyone had additional items to add or remove from the agenda approval. If not, she would entertain a motion.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approve the agenda items as presented. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Olson asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee regarding the consent agenda items on pages 1-16, and the personnel reports on page 21. Upon hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approves the consent agenda as presented. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none she called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

III. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Ms. Olson asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee regarding the operating vouchers on pages 17-20. Upon hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approves the claims and payroll as presented. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none she called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. McIntyre presented her Director's report. Ms. McIntyre answered questions as they were asked.

V. GFPL FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Tacke informed us that over \$73,000 was raised during the book-a-thon. The Spring newsletter has gone out. Give Great Falls is May 2-6. The Foundation director, Ms. Jill Baker, is coordinating a trip to visit the libraries in Helena and Missoula on May 20th, and Bozeman and Billings on July 29th & 30th.

Ms. Baker gave more details on the planned trips and invited board members to come along.

A discussion was had on who will replace Ms. Bulger as a foundation liaison. Ms. Olson offered to be that person unless someone else wanted to. No one had an objection.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Olson informed the board that she attended the first annual poetry reading during No More Violence Week.

Ms. Olson also took a moment to congratulate Ms. McIntyre for winning the Salute to Women award.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. DeForest attended a library sponsored book club last month.

VIII. PROPOSALS/COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

Nothing was reported

IX. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19

Ms. McIntyre informed us that nothing has changed since last month's report. Ms. Olson asked if COVID-19 should be removed from old business. Ms. McIntyre stated that we could, but she would like the ability to bring it back if needed. The board was in agreement with that decision.

LIBRARY STANDARDS

Ms. McIntyre discussed the FY2023 Draft Budget. Ms. McIntyre presented and discussed her slide presentation; she answered questions as they were asked. Ms. McIntyre discussed future plans and current priorities. Ms. Crist asked if Ms. McIntyre would like a resolution from the board. Ms. McIntyre said yes.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees support the director's solutions to the budget crises by talking to the city managers, the city commission and the county commission, and if necessary, go into deficit funding. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Mr. Eatherly abstained from voting; Motion passed with remaining votes.

MASTER PLAN

Ms. McIntyre discussed the focus groups. The board will have their focus group at a different time. Ms. McIntyre asked the board to give her times and days that work for them. Ms. McIntyre stated that recruitment is going well, people that are unable to attend a focus group have been filling out the survey. Ms. McIntyre answered questions as they were asked. Ms. McIntyre encouraged all board members to keep inviting people in the community to the focus groups.

X. NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY FOUNDATION LIAISON

Ms. Olson confirmed that she will be the Foundation Liaison.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Olson asked if there were any other questions, upon hearing none she would entertain a motion.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.