

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Great Falls Public Library, Montana Room
4:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Dea Nowell, Ms. Mary Ellen Kropp, Ms. Mary Brinkley and Mr. Mitch Tropila

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Mora, Ms. Sue Sargent, Ms. Tena Cobb

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Bob Kelly, Mayor of Great Falls, Mr. Richard Leibert

Ms. Riesenbergs called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

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

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

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

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora introduced Sue Sargent and new Youth Services Librarian to the board.

Korri Shupe has taken a position in the Fiscal Department. Our new administrative assistant, Sara Linder-Parkinson will start on May 2.

Ms. Mora explained changes in the process our collection agency uses. They will no longer be able to credit report library accounts. They will still use the recovery process with patrons (letters & telephone calls), but federal regulations will prevent the accounts being credit reported beginning in mid-June.

We had a successful grand opening of the GFPL Seed Exchange. Several of the city commissioners and many of the volunteers who have worked on the project were in attendance.

The library will be holding a silent auction of surplus library items the last 3 weeks in April.

The proposed revision of the library board bylaws is included in your packet. Additional language outlines the duties of the library director and places authority for paying bills with the library director.

Ms. Mora reminded board members that the revised library ordinance will go before the Commissioner this evening for first reading. Mayor Kelly explained the process of the work session and first reading of the ordinance to the board.

Ms. Mora has been working with Steve Grout of the Library Foundation regarding a mural being painted on the front of the library. The project is not confirmed at this time. Steve is working with the artists that painted the Charles Russell mural on the parking garage to determine if this would be a viable project for the library/library foundation.

Mr. Mora reminded everyone the Foundation is hosting a Raise-A-Pint event at the Mighty Mo on Monday 4/25 from 5-8 p.m.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Riesenbergr congratulated the community of Big Sandy on their new library which will be completed soon. The Board signed a card of congratulations for the staff of the library.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Nowell attended the Montana Library Association Conference earlier in the month in Missoula. She stated there were many valuable sessions offered and many library trustees attended in addition to staff.

Ms. Nowell will also be attending the Pathfinder Federation meeting in Ft. Benton in May.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Dea Nowell moved and Mary Brinkley seconded to approve the revised board bylaws, with a typographical correction on Mr. Tropila's name.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tropila inquired about the lock on the second floor restroom. Ms. Mora responded that our maintenance department has reported far fewer issue with the restroom since it has been kept locked.

Ms. Riesenbergr stated how much she and the board enjoyed reading patron comments from all the library departments.

Ms. Brinkley thanked Mayor Kelly for the many proclamations during his tenure. Mayor Kelly stated the wants commission meetings to be a celebration of our community.

VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Liebert commended the mayor for his work with veterans initiatives. He also voiced his support of the library and for as many hours open to the public as possible. Mr. Liebert voiced his thanks to Commissioner Bronson for his work on the revision of the library ordinance. He also voiced his support for the library board bylaws language which provides for ex-officio board members from the City & County Commissions.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Riesenbergh adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.