

**Bozeman Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
Library Board/Staff Conference Room  
Bozeman Public Library  
Wednesday, August 25, 2010  
4:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Trustees: Ron Farmer, Chair; George Cole; Judy Mathre; Jacki McGuire; Chris Kukulski, City Manager; Sean Becker, Deputy Mayor; Paula Beswick, Foundation; Lois Dissly and Terri Dood, Staff; and Alice Meister, Director.

Absent: Holly Brown, Trustee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Farmer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cole moved to accept the July 21, 2010 Library Board minutes, Mathre seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Meister received public comments which included a request to purchase more crochet books, especially on granny squares. A woman was concerned about the lack of advertising for Nomkoo, and Beswick called to discover that she had already talked to the Nomkoo coordinators. Another person said that she would love to see far more contemporary girl fiction, so that her children wouldn't beg her to go to the bookstore. She noted that smaller town libraries had more of these books than this Library has, though she noted she loves this Library and it is the "most beautiful library ever!" A patron noted that the shelves upstairs look great, and this patron appreciated the rearranging that Mary Jo Stanislaw had done. A patron wanted manga books and several other series; he requested a volume number in the description. Someone requested Geronimo Stilton books. A person suggested getting the pet in the children's library out for display. An individual requested that there be larger hour signs on the outside doors, especially on the nights the Library closes early. Someone wanted more fun prizes for the reading program as well as coupons. An individual was concerned about Section C of the "Wall Street Journal" since someone is clipping information from that section. He thought it should be kept at the Circulation Desk. A person noted that it is 135 steps to the closest handicapped parking spot, which is poor planning and not very handy for the disabled to walk. A patron was concerned with the Playaway books that have expensive lead-filled, non-renewable batteries that don't match the Library's sustainable status and asked staff to think carefully about the long term consequences of these items. Meister will check into the possibility of rechargeable batteries. Meister read a letter from the City Clerk's Office inviting the Trustees to a barbeque on September 10 with delegates from Park City, Utah, who will be visiting Bozeman and touring the Library. Several suggestions (probably from the authors) were received requesting the Library purchase their books. Beswick received a comment on the wonderful Grateful Dead concert held on the Plaza on August 1, saying that it was the unexpected highlight of the summer. This person said that the Library "continues to amaze me with everything it offers and we, as a family, are so thankful for the folks who think creatively and keep it running and keep it fun." Dissly responded to a patron who complained that the computers are not upgraded as frequently as they should be and offered to upgrade

them. She thanked him for reporting the problem. Meister received a letter of thanks from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for her help on a review panel this past May. IMLS received 110 eligible applications requesting more than \$62 million in grant funds; \$22.6 million was awarded to 38 institutions. Library Assistant Katrina Krupicka officially tendered her resignation effective August 28 in order to accept a position as the Dubois Museum Director in Wyoming. Meister received a very nice thank you letter from the Hands in Harmony troupe, which performed in June. Several letters were received in support of the lift tower and chair installation as proposed by Bridger Bowl; Meister suggested taking this information to the Library Grounds Master Plan Committee for modification. State Librarian Darlene Staffeldt congratulated the Library for meeting the Public Library Standards 2010 Certification and noted that the per capita/per square mile state aid check will be sent shortly.

#### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT**

Meister reported that the Friends will be promoting comedian Paula Poundstone's appearance on September 17 at The Ellen Theatre, since they will receive 100% of the proceeds from the sale of her book. Their next meeting is September 7 at 6:15 p.m. to discuss their fall annual meeting and booksale.

#### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Beswick reported that she worked at the Library's Catapalooza Booth at Montana State University (MSU) to register new students for a library card; while she was there, fifty new students were registered. Events for One Book-One Bozeman (OBOB) are now scheduled and include a "Skate to Starky's" on a longboard or skateboard with author Kevin Connolly on September 21. There will also be a Longboard Deck Art Contest with two themes. The Library Book Club will read and discuss the companion fiction piece "You Shall Know Our Velocity!" by Dave Eggers on September 1. Connolly will be speaking at the MSU Convocation on September 8 and the High School Assembly on September 9. Twenty "Double Take" books will be distributed at Chief Joseph and Sacajawea Middle Schools. Also a children's book about athlete Wilma Rudolph has been chosen as a companion piece and will be given away to all first graders on September 3. OBOB posters and bookmarks are being distributed. Beswick was interviewed in a "MSU Survival Guide" publication about Connolly. There will be articles and advertisements in other publications such as "The Bozone", "Balance Magazine", and "This Week". The book will also be discussed on the Health Matters show on KEMC/KBMC. Jeannie Gracey-Etgen has been hired as the half-time Foundation Program Coordinator; Laura Prindiville has arrived safely on the island of Java. Author Joseph Marshall will be at the Library to discuss and autograph "The Lakota Way" on September 1. Other events include an art reception on September 10, a College Planning Workshop on September 15, and a SAT Essay Writing Workshop on September 23. The Jazz & More series continues through September 27. Artists have been booked through 2011 in the Atrium Gallery, and planning begins for the Christmas Stroll activities in October. The next Foundation Board meeting is Thursday, September 30 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Meister noted that the July statistical report showed a 12.05% increase in circulation. Non-print usage increased 25.82% with nonfiction second at 11.19%. Fiction was third at a 6.56% increase, and magazine usage was up 7.56%. Questions asked were down nearly 26%, but website visits increased 144.56% Meeting room usage

was down, but adult library programs increased. Door traffic decreased 9%. The FY2010 budget showed approximately \$79,580 remaining in the budget, which should all revert to the Depreciation Fund. The FY2011 budget showed 91.7% remaining at 12.5% of the year completed. Meister said that Library Assistant Katrina Krupicka's resignation meant that her full-time job, which is comprised of Interlibrary Loan and managing the Information Desk, might be split in half, but much depends on whether another half-time Library Assistant position is approved by the City Commission. Department Heads would prefer to wait until the budget is approved on September 13 before advertising any of these positions. Meister will be attending a meeting on the Montana State Library Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) in Helena on October 12-13 to learn more about the grant. The Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference, which Meister attended in Victoria August 11-13, was excellent, and she appreciated the Library Foundation's support. The Library will once again host a disaster preparedness program on September 15 with Randy Silverman as the presenter. Other special programs during September include a program on artist Harry Bertoia on September 9; a Jungian program on individuation on September 11; a program on Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor on September 16; and a reading of the Constitution on September 17. Nomkoo has attracted visitors to the Library, and there have been several programs bringing in numbers of people. The sculpture will stay at the Library until October 4 rather than leaving on September 15. This year's Adult Summer Reading Program "Grow Your Mind" attracted 20 different participants reading 228 books. The book reviews are available to read on the Library's website. On August 27 there will be a meeting of the Library Grounds Master Planning Committee to continue an overall plan for the library grounds. The Montana State Library will host their fall workshops in Great Falls on September 24-25, which some staff will attend. The Library plans to close all day October 15 for an in-staff meeting. There was hail damage to the roof and skylights, which should be repaired. The Sculpture Park Board will meet August 26 to determine if enough funds have been raised to proceed with the 2011 inaugural show. Incidents included continued placement of anti-Semitic literature in the magazine bin. Staff now knows who is printing these articles, and the police have been contacted. The individual has been warned once about inappropriately using the magazine bin for such articles; he accused the Library of censorship. An unknown agitated individual had to be suspended from the Library for six months due to his unusual behavior. A young man was bypassing the Library software frequently to use the computers and was warned by staff. An AWARE client became belligerent; a crowd formed and someone called the police. Staff dispersed the crowd, which was exacerbating the client's behavior. He quieted down when police arrived and left the building. A patron wanted to use the piano in the meeting room and was told he could not since the room was already in use. He became quite agitated and made disparaging remarks about the staff member.

#### **BOARD MEMBER'S AND CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Kukulski said that there are many budgetary unknowns, a desire to increase the cash reserve, and a strong push from the City Commission to not raise taxes except for the \$43 approved for the water and sewer plants. There will be a meeting August 26 of the Department Heads, whose budgets come from the General Fund, to develop a laundry list of possible cuts. One of the strong possibilities is the loss of the \$79,579.87 in the recently approved Library

Depreciation Fund, so that the money would go into the General Fund instead. McGuire asked why it would be taken from there, and Kukulski said it was due to the current economic situation. Becker said he had been concerned for several years about the City budget, and there was a need to increase the reserve due to a recent court case the City lost. He also suggested the Library check on whether Library suspensions are legally allowable.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was a letter to the Trustees about requesting usage of Library parking spaces for the Tuesday night Farmer's Market at Bogert Park. The Trustees decided it would set a precedent and that other such requests had previously been denied so permission was denied.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 4 p.m. in the Library Board/Staff Conference Room.