

Bozeman Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Library Board/Staff Conference Room
Bozeman Public Library
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
4:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Ron Farmer, Chair; Holly Brown; Marilyn King; Jacki McGuire; Judy Mathre; Lois Dissly and Terri Dood, Staff; and Alice Meister, Director. Guests: City Manager Chris Kukulski and Zak Zakovi, Plum Street Studio.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chair Farmer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mathre moved to approve the January 21, 2009 Library Board minutes; McGuire seconded; and the motion passed 3-0 (Brown and King were not yet there) .

CORRESPONDENCE

Meister received public comments which included one from a person who wanted better computers. Another suggested fixing the computers though gave no specific details. An individual recommended turning off the dinging noise of the self-check machine, which has already been lowered in volume. A patron suggested lowering the heat in order to save money. Another noted that vents were blowing cold air in the winter. An individual suggested that date due receipts could be optional to save paper and the environment. Another pointed out two spots of chewing gum on the steps, which needed to be removed. An individual suggested purchasing books on saints and biblical figures. A patron recommended keeping all new travel books downstairs in the non-fiction section. An individual recommended step stools in the restrooms so that children could reach the sinks to wash their hands. Another suggested cat books, while one person specifically requested a cat video. Another suggested a video game shelf for Xbox, GameCube, and Wii. Two people suggested the Library install Google SketchUp on all of the Library computers for people who wanted to construct 3D sketches. A patron suggested more BLEACH mangas while another wanted Hannah Montana CDs and movies. A patron was disappointed that there was no information about joining the Library book club on-line, as she has been frustrated when coming to the Library to discover that only one person has the needed information and that person is not there. An email was written to assuage her concerns that no registration was needed for the book club. Another person was confused about how to use the web site to renew a book, as she felt it was very cluttered. Fortunately the new web site debuts March 1. A patron suggested a newsletter display from local non-profit organizations; Meister contacted him to explain that many newsletters were only available on-line anymore due to cost, and the patron agreed. A staff member had a question about a security guard who had his gun with him, as weapons are not allowed in the building. Meister contacted the Police who said security guards had appropriate clearance to carry their weapons publicly. Thank you's for the use of the meeting room and its sound system were received from three organizations though one noted she had been rushed out on New Year's Eve. School children sent notes of thanks to Cindy Christen and Ginny Cowan for a tour they had received. Catherine McMullen sent an email

notifying the Library that she had accepted a full-time librarian position at the Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge and would be starting February 23. She wanted to stay on as a substitute through May or June so she could work holidays and weekends. A person from Canada requested use of our automobile database, which is not possible under contractual obligations with the vendor.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Meister reported that Friends met on February 9 and decided to fund the following items from the Library's Needs List: \$2,000 for programs; additional children's library funding of \$1,700; a new laptop with software and accessories for \$2,000; a mobile coat rack for the meeting room at a price to be determined; downloadable audio books program (MontanaLibrary2Go) for up to \$9,000 for the next year and a half; \$5,000 for audio-video materials; \$500 for One Book One Bozeman book kits; \$1,000 for staff honoraria to secure State Library certification; and \$2,500 to purchase the last LCD projector for the Board Room. There will be a book sale March 27-29. Several potential Board members will be asked to attend the next meeting, which will be Monday, March 9, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Since she was at Leadership Bozeman, Paula Beswick left a report which noted the upcoming events such as the next *Exploring the Arts* on March 9 with Celtic and folk music by Tom Robison and Weatherwood. February's cello/piano performance attracted 98 people. Mary Keefer's abstract landscapes will be the next art show in March and April with an opening reception scheduled for March 6. The Bozeman High School student string trio, who played for the Friends' Third Sunday at 3, will be featured on the KTVM 6 & 42 newscast. Meister and Beswick are finalizing details with the Museum of the Rockies, the Children's Museum, the Pioneer Museum and the American Computer Museum about a Library museum pass. Gallatin Valley Forum radio program will commence on February 25 with a panel on civil discourse entitled, "Words Count: The Art of Conflict Resolution" with Sarah Glover, Ris Higgins, and Pam Poon. The March 25 program will be Jack Horner discussing his new book; in April Dr. Joe Shaw will be discussing night light pollution and cutting-edge laser optics technology. The April 18th fundraiser will coincide with National Library Week and feature local authors, artists, musicians, and other talents secured for the day's readings and evening's ticketed event. Karen Averitt's free Mom and Baby Yoga classes at 11 a.m. on Thursdays have been successful. One Book-One Bozeman 2009 is underway with a joint announcement with MSU scheduled in March. Beswick has received permission from the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* to submit a guest column, which will be printed when space is available. The Foundation's 2009 officers are: Susan Quarles, president; Jennifer Morriscal, vice president; Vikki Leuschen, treasurer; and SharlaRae Stuber, secretary. The next Foundation Board meeting is Thursday, February 26 at 8:30 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Meister noted that the January statistical report showed a 5.77% increase in circulation along with a 85.9% increase in adult program attendance. Website visits have increased over 20% while door traffic has increased 8.1%. At 62.5% of the year completed, the Library has 46.8% left in its budget. FY2010 budgets are due into the City by February 27; the Library budget will be presented to the City in March. The intent is to reduce the total Library Budget by \$40,000, which includes proposed cuts of 20 hours per week and

reductions in the materials and continuing education categories. Broad Valleys Federation will be meeting March 6 and 7 in Butte. Though Meister will be on vacation February 26-March 5, she plans to attend the meetings at which there will be a trustee track as well as a librarian track. The Montana Library Association Conference will be April 22-25 in Kalispell. Next year the conference will be in Bozeman. The Children's Library will be presenting a "Dog Party" February 21 with Nancy Tanner of Paws & People and Barry Schieber who wrote five books and owns Moritz, a Bernese Mountain dog. A new chess group started February 17. On February 22 there will be a program on Peru as part of the "Teens Make It Happen" series. There will be a Dr. Seuss Party on March 5. Sarah Groves, marketing director at the Montana State Library, will be in Bozeman February 20 to meet with Cindy Christin about the statewide early literacy campaign scheduled to begin later this spring. They will be filming some "Books & Babies" segments for librarians and parents to view. The Art Committee met on February 10 and selected the following artists for 2010 into 2011 from a long list of submissions: Margaret Emerson (collages)-January and February; Stephen Durbin/Kerry Corcoran (photos/drawings)-March, April; Marsha Karle/Paul Schullery (watercolors/book)-June, July; Sweet Pea Art Exhibit-August; Kathleen Karlsen (paintings)-September, October; Annie L Bailey (paintings)-November, December; and Lee Silliman (ghost town photos)-January, February 2011. The new Library web site will debut on March 1. There will be an all-staff meeting on March 13 from 8:15-10 a.m.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:
SCULPTURE PARK MASTER
PLAN; SOCIAL
NETWORKING SITES;
BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Chair Farmer welcomed Zak Zakovi, who has been chairing the Sculpture Park Committee. Zakovi is a sculptor who owns Plum Street Studio. He noted the community value of the Sculpture Park and that Bozeman is one of Montana's larger cities without an art museum, and the Park would help fill that void. As a cultural destination enhanced by the Sweet Pea Festival and the Emerson Cultural Center, Bozeman has a significant population of recognized national artists. The Sculpture Park would further enhance that reputation. By offering sponsorships to MSU, the Chamber of Commerce, Gallatin Art Crossing, the City of Bozeman, and the Downtown Bozeman Partnership, the Sculpture Park would draw together these community organizations into a common effort. He said the Library would be a good fit for the Sculpture Park due to its instant success as a cultural hub. The trail system is a great venue for outdoor sculpture and will continue to be a permanent part of the Library land even with future development of the Library and would be the last thing to change. Some sculpture sites may have to be relocated in time, but the enhancement to the trail and land is positive and attractive. Zakovi had met with Ray Campeau of the Library Art Committee and Terry Karson, past curator of the Yellowstone Art Museum in Billings and a nationally recognized artist. Both men had written letters of support for the Sculpture Park. He showed maps of where the sculptures would be located and how they could be phased in over time. There would eventually be 20 pods with concrete pedestals for displaying the sculptures. Each pod would be a 15 foot circle with a 5 foot wide path to it from the main trail. There would be five phases in the development of the sculpture park. Sculptures would be displayed for one to two years;

the sculptor would receive a stipend of cash or gifts in lieu of cash and be required to give a public presentation on their art. Permanent installations would be sculptures purchased and donated by individuals but limited to 4-5 pods. There would be sponsoring organizations such as MSU which would issue a Call to Artists and then select a number of sculptures from the applications. The Sculpture Committee would review the applications and send recommendations to the Art Committee, which would recommend final selections to the Library Board of Trustees. Vandalism and liability concerns would be addressed by offering the artist a group rate for property loss by a local insurance carrier. Artists not purchasing coverage would not be covered for loss by vandalism or accidents. There would be no financial obligation to the Library, as Zakovi is planning to apply for a 501(c)(3) designation, so that the Sculpture Park could accept charitable donations as the project is estimated to cost \$200,000+. Engineers will do pro bono work on the project. Zakovi hopes to plan for an invitational show of major sculptors in the summer of 2010 by putting out a Call to Artists with stipends. In order to accomplish this, he needs more members for the Sculpture Park Committee. He has drafted a mission statement and by-laws for the Committee, and terms would be for two years. Zakovi was asked if he would consider an agreement with the Library regarding time commitments, to which he assented. The Trustees were concerned about the project if Zakovi were to drop out; he said that it was an ongoing commitment for him and he hoped to have a full-time director hired in the future. Brown moved to approve the Sculpture Park concept along the linear trail pending a written agreement with Zak Zakovi that outlined time and space limitations with an option to continue, King seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Kukulski suggested that Zakovi secure a written agreement from another entity to use as a model. Meister then mentioned the blocking of Facebook—a social networking site—on staff computers due to the City’s Information Technology (IT) Department’s policy. She had checked with the MSU Renne Library and other large libraries in the state, and none of them block access to Facebook. Since it is a topic that staff teaches in computer classes, she requested that it be unblocked. Kukulski said that this policy was due to concerns about recent virus and malware attacks. Meister noted that Facebook was being used more and more for professional purposes rather than just social purposes. It was suggested that the IT Department Director Brendan Steele attend the next Library Board meeting to discuss this issue with the Trustees.

Action

**BOARD MEMBER’S AND
CITY REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORTS**

Kukulski said that he, the Assistant City Manager, and the Finance Director were meeting with all City departments about possible budget cuts. The City is not in a crisis, but he wants to ensure that the City manage to stay out of one. He thanked the Library staff for its input at a recent meeting. He said that the Voluntary Clean-Up Plan for the remediation of the land surrounding the Library is in its final stages. The clean-up begins March 15. The City did receive a \$800,000 payment from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. There is also the possibility that the “pork chop” access to the Library from Main Street would be torn out. Mathre was very positive about the January retreat for the Library Board, Foundation Board, and Friends Board. She mentioned that the other two boards

want more direction from the Trustees. She specifically mentioned the need for succession planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Board/Staff Conference Room.

