

**Bozeman Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Library Board/Staff Conference Room
Bozeman Public Library
Wednesday, July 21, 2010
4:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Trustees: Ron Farmer, Chair; Holly Brown; George Cole; Judy Mathre; Jacki McGuire; Donna Swarthout; Chris Kukulski, City Manager; Paula Beswick, Foundation; Lois Dissly and Terri Dood, Staff; and Alice Meister, Director.

Guests: James Goehring, City Superintendent of Facilities; Doug Wales, Bridger Bowl Director of Marketing and Sales; Ellie Staley, Downtown Bozeman Partnership Program Director; Tate Chamberlin, Chamberlin Productions; and Zak Zakovi, Plum Street Studio.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Farmer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Swarthout moved to accept the June 16, 2010 Library Board minutes, McGuire seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS;
LIBRARY DEPRECIATION RESERVE
FUND; BOZEMAN SCULPTURE
PARK; GALLATIN ART CROSSING;
HOLIDAY CHANGE REQUEST; PAY
INCREASE FOR NON-REPRESENTED
STAFF**

Chair Farmer changed the agenda to allow for guests to give their presentations. Speaking on behalf of the Gallatin Art Crossing, Chamberlin discussed the possibility of putting two green chairlift towers and two red chairlift benches in the west circle of the Library grounds. Wales said that they were part of the Virginia City chairlift and would demonstrate the relevance of Bozeman as a ski community. Bridger Bowl Ski Area would love to see them placed here, and there would be a reasonable budget to ensure the installation and maintenance. Wales has visited with Doug Chandler at Allied Engineering Services about their placement, and Chandler feels this would be fairly easy to do. He would volunteer his services, but he would need a fee if he is asked for an official signature. Also a former Bridger Bowl employee with 35 years of experience is available to help. The towers and chairs could be integrated into the Gallatin Art Crossing and seen as an enjoyable community project. It could be put into place in September when the crane is here to disassemble Nomkoo. Chamberlin felt it would fit as a permanent piece and would wear well over the years. Farmer inquired about maintenance concerns, which Wales felt should not be much. The towers and chairs could be painted to make them look more artistic. McGuire felt it would encourage children to sit on the benches, which would be true. Beswick inquired if there was any other place around town to put these items and was told there probably wasn't due to the size of the towers. Wales said all the towers and chairs have been disassembled and are awaiting placement. Staley is supportive of the Art Crossing and the placement of the towers and chairs here at the Library. The concept came up rather quickly, but there is a need to find a home for these pieces which had been promised to the Downtown Bozeman Partnership. Cole asked if there is a pedestrian crosswalk to the circle and was told that there is not. Concern about kids accessing the circle is major. Farmer thanked Chamberlin, Wales, and Staley for attending, and they left the meeting. Zakovi then gave an update on the Bozeman Sculpture Park Board and its desire to change the appearance of the sculpture pedestals due to wanting a

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more aesthetic appearance. He will submit a final design with some of the walkways lengthened or shortened according to pedestal design. The pedestals are above ground; no new design has yet to be developed but Zakovi will submit one when it is finalized. There should be pedestal construction this summer in preparation for next summer's invitational sculpture show. In response to a question, Zakovi said there will be no permanent sculptures for some time. He did emphasize that everything will be ADA-approved. The Sculpture Park Board is currently fundraising for the sculpture pedestals and a curator's salary. Chair Farmer thanked Zakovi for coming, and Zakovi left the meeting. The Library Depreciation Reserve Fund is on the City Commission agenda for Monday, August 2. Kukulski distributed Commission Resolution No. 4265, which creates the Library Depreciation Reserve Fund. In regard to Section 3 of the Resolution, which reads "In order to best provide for the coordinated maintenance of the Library building and equipment, all expenditures or transfers from the fund will be budgeted for and authorized by the Bozeman City Commission," the Board wished to add language that the Fund would be part of the normal budgeting process and the Library Board would authorize the expenditures or transfers along with the Commission. Meister inquired about emergency situations and funds, and Goehrung responded that emergencies were taken care of immediately and the Commission consulted afterwards with money then taken from the budget to deal with the emergency. A budget amendment could always be passed if funds exceeded the budgeted amount. Brown moved to pass Resolution No. 4265 with the following change in wording "In order to best provide for the coordinated maintenance of the Library building and equipment, all expenditures or transfers from the fund will be budgeted for as part of the normal budgeting process and authorized by the Library Board and the Bozeman City Commission," Mathre seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. If passed by the Commission, this Resolution will put the Library Depreciation Reserve Fund into effect for FY2010, meaning that the remainder of the money in the budget would go into this Fund. The Trustees then discussed the request to place the two ski towers and chairs in the west circle and felt that it was a liability issue as children would be tempted to cross traffic to get to the circle. Most of them felt that a better location could be found, and that the Gallatin Art Crossing representatives were welcome to return with another proposal. A letter from Jim Madden, who is on the Library's Art Committee, was read; Madden was against placing the towers as he felt it would detract from the sculpture park. Meister asked if the Board was comfortable with continuing to give non-represented MPEA employees the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which was their decision in November 2007. The CPI this fiscal year is 2.7% compared with .1% last fiscal year. Last year these employees received a .75% increase, which was in line with what other non-represented City employees received. The Trustees decided to stay with this decision. Meister mentioned a request from the staff to use the Veterans Day Holiday (November 11) for a holiday on the day after Thanksgiving, which is more consistent with the City's schedule. The Trustees decided to try this change for a year to see how it works. Goehrung had to leave the meeting and reported that there was some damage to the skylights during the June 30 hailstorm but he isn't sure of the extent. Also there are problems with the air-conditioning at the Library, which is being worked on. Swarthout announced that she would need to leave and was thanked by Chair Farmer and the other Trustees for her service on the Library Board.

Action Swarthout, Goehrung, and Kukulski left the meeting. George Cole was welcomed as the newest Trustee. Mathre moved to reappoint the same slate of officers—Ron Farmer as Chair and Jacki McGuire as Vice Chair—for FY2011, Cole seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Meister received public comments which included a request for a color copier, for which one dollar a page could be charged. Another person questioned the free five pages a day people print out, as this person felt it was a waste of ink and paper and didn't contribute to the "greenness" of the Library. Another person noted how politically correct the "World Pledge" was in the children's library; instead the person felt that the pledge should be "to a strong nation who (*sic*) uses deadly force when necessary to defend and protect its citizens and their liberty." A patron requested more books in Spanish. A person noted that "the 7/7/10 Storytime was wonderful! We had a fantastic time. Thank you for singing Happy Birthday to me." A person suggested that one of the catalog computers be put over where all the tables are so children can play while parents look up the books they want. This person felt that the current location was a dangerous spot. She did add, "Awesome kids area, by the way." An individual suggested no computers in the children's library as children have ample exposure to computers at home and school; she wanted the Library to have only books. The next time the parking lot is striped, a person wanted the handicapped parking moved to the two closest spaces to the building rather than being the furthest from the door. A person didn't like the barcode placement over the description of the stories on audio/video cases. Another patron was concerned that the City would set up an internet system that requires patrons to expose themselves to a security breach and potential identification theft. A person expressed kudos to the cleaning people for keeping such a big building so clean and recommended a green product. Another person felt that "those ordering new books and posters are promoting a strong 'multi-cultural/diversity' agenda" and gave an example in the children's library. The person then noted, "Be aware of the imbalance/bias perceived by patrons like me who feel inundated with political correctness." A person noted that there is no similar library service in Mexico. Another person who did not enjoy the catalog search options wanted a check box for only books similar to the one currently available for digital/electronic content. Dissly responded that this is a Montana Shared Catalog issue and suggested this person visit with the reference staff. A concerned Library patron noted that the bathroom sink faucet remains running for almost 40 seconds after a person steps away, which wastes a great deal of water. The timing was adjusted. Beswick reported a local author was delighted that the Library was going to carry her two books. Library Aide II Jessica Sweet resigned her job effective July 31, since she and her family are moving. Kate Bryan sent a thank you for allowing her singing group to sing in front of the Library. The State Librarian reported that Mary Jo Stanislaos has successfully completed all requirements of the Montana Certification Program for Library Directors, Staff, and Trustees and received a Library Administrator certificate with a specialization in Collection Management and Technical Services.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Meister reported that the Friends held its summer book sale July 16-18 and made \$9,013.09 before expenses. Comedian Paula Poundstone will perform in Bozeman on Friday, September 17; she is

the national spokesperson for Friends of Libraries USA and has offered to work with the Friends group on this event. There will be the annual meeting on Thursday, October 21, with a silent auction of special books or “collectibles.” The next meeting will be July 7 at 6:15 p.m.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Beswick reported that the park benches are being stained and permanently placed by Sweet Pea Landscaping within the next several weeks. A Seattle manufacturer is donating, delivering, and installing seven sculptural bike racks. Heeb’s is planning a barbeque to benefit “Benches for Booklovers” on Friday, August 6 from 11:30-2:00 p.m., and Beswick is seeking volunteers for the event. All proceeds will benefit the Foundation. On Sunday, August 1, Tom Garnsey of Vootie Productions offered to play a free concert on the Plaza from 4:00-8:00 p.m. to celebrate Jerry Garcia’s birthday. The Hooligans will be performing, and Beswick is securing food vendors for the event. There will be a One Book-One Bozeman (OBOB) meeting tomorrow to plan the September events. Kevin Connolly will speak at the local schools and be the MSU Convocation speaker on September 8 ; he also will be interviewed by Rachel Rockafellow on KBMC. Check out: www.onebookonebozeman.org for further information. The shipment of 200 of Connolly’s book has been received. Book kits will be available, and it will be discussed at the Library’s book group. Beswick is working on replacing Laura Prindiville, whose last day is July 23. Prindiville has organized the August Creative Workshops, worked on the November 6 Festival of the Book, and worked on the website. Beswick mentioned a Humanities Montana conference call she just was on, which discussed more funding for book festivals. Kelly Roberti’s “Jazz & More” series will feature interviews with Cindy Christin, Beswick, and Meister on July 26. Beswick is still working on business sponsors for that series. The flagpole project should be completed by early fall with a possible dedication planned for September 11 with Jane Quinn and her quilt. The movie license has been renewed so that the Library can show movies to the public. A woman has volunteered to conduct free yoga classes for mothers and babies until Karen Averitt returns in the fall. The “Explore Bozeman” pass brochures have been printed and are now ready for distribution; Family Promise was mentioned as a potential distribution site. The only summer meeting for the Foundation Board will be July 13 at 11:00 a.m.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Meister noted that the June statistical report showed year-end figures, which indicated a 5.73% increase in circulation. Non-print usage increased 9.26% with nonfiction second at 5.95%. Fiction was third at a 4% increase but magazine usage was down 3.7%. Overall reference was down 5.91%, website visits increased 62%, meeting room usage was down, but library programs increased. Door traffic decreased 1%. The FY2010 budget showed approximately \$78,500 remaining in the budget, which should all revert to the Depreciation Fund once it is approved by the Commission. The FY2011 budget showed 98.38% remaining at 4.2% of the year completed. Meister welcomed Cole and thanked Swarthout for her service on the Board. The State Library recently learned that it will receive \$2.7 million through a U.S. Department of Commerce grant and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant might have money for 28 replacement computers and expanded broadband for the Bozeman Library. Apparently the Library has insurance coverage (though no fine arts designation) in the amount of \$5,102,000 for building contents. Steps are underway to

appraise the art within the building. The Library Grounds Master Plan Committee will meet again on July 23. The Gallatin Art Crossing reception on July 17 went very well with nearly 200 people in attendance. The Library now has 12 sculptures, counting the ones from last year and Zak Zakovi's Sun Sit Bench, which now belongs to the Library. Nomkoo, the South African elephant made of recycled tire strips, arrives on August 4 with an afternoon/early evening welcome celebration planned. Other events are planned around Nomkoo through September 15. The Reference/Adult Services Department has submitted its last Interlibrary Loan request for reimbursement from the State Library. The Library had a large television stolen July 18; police are investigating. Meister will be attending the Pacific Northwest Library Association meeting in Victoria, BC August 11-14 and would like to take vacation August 16-20 in hopes the August Trustee meeting could be moved to August 25, the fourth Wednesday of the month. A patron Robert Kazaryan was suspended from the Library for six months due to his anti-hate actions and complaints from young women whom he has been bothering. Police have ejected him from the Library and the grounds twice already.

BOARD MEMBER'S AND CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 25 (instead of August 18), 2010, at 4 p.m. in the Library Board/Staff Conference Room.