

Bozeman Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Bozeman Public Library—Board Room
Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019
Minutes

Attendance Board Chair John Gallagher; Trustees, Ron Price, Jennifer Pawlak & Kelly Dowdell ; Bozeman Public Library (BPL) Director Susan Gregory; Bozeman Public Library Foundation Director Janay Johnson; Department Head Carmen Clark & Cindy Christin, City Commissioner Terry Cunningham. Not present: Trustee Ken Spencer, Assistant Director Kit Stephenson. Special guest City Attorney Greg Sullivan.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Gallagher at 4:02pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Action Trustee Pawlak moved to approve the minutes from the Sept 18, 2019 meeting. Trustee Price seconded. No Discussion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Correspondence

- A patron requested a whole new manga section.
- A patron commented regarding the Yellowstone Series on DVD and commented that it reflects badly on Montana.
- A patron said that the old self checks were so much better. Patron rarely had a problem before with old machines, but now it is every single time; also that it is so much nicer to pay fines at the machine. (2 comments)
- A patron asked why there are carpool and hybrid parking spaces but no veterans' spaces. Seniors should have designated parking spaces.
- Please provide better printing sources.
- A patron requested Living language Korean Intermediate.
- A patron wrote that a staff person on the second floor was very helpful.
- "Hire Better Staff, Hire Better Staff."
- A patron wrote that a librarian at the second floor Help Desk was extremely kind and helpful and made his visit to the Library amazing.
- A patron told a staff member that she loves the Library but especially loves the Bookmobile; she's able to put her books on hold online and pick them up when the Bookmobile comes to Hillcrest, where she picks up her books.
- Director Gregory received an email from the Bozeman Beautification Board stating that the Library has earned a Bozeman Beautification Award. The committee is recognizing all of the Library grounds: the rainbow garden, the fairy garden, the planters and flowers at the front of the Library, the new flower boxes and plantings at the west entrance, the

sculptures and the Labyrinth. The award is being given out Wednesday, November 13th at the Baxter Hotel Ballroom.

Director and Staff Report

Director Gregory provided an update on the Open Door project: the door is supposed to be installed in the lobby by the last week of October. She announced that she, Assistant Director Kit Stephenson, Foundation Director Janay Johnson and Librarians Cindy Christin and Kate Holloway will be visiting the new Gallatin High library space on Oct 31st. At a joint City Commission meeting with the School Board, Susan was requested to talk about the new high school library partnership. Everybody was very excited and supportive of the project. Susan met the new Bozeman Public School Superintendent, Bob Connor, and he seemed very supportive of the proposed partnership. Commissioner I-Ho asked what the Library needs to make this happen and Gregory said that more staff hours will be needed. Discussion took place regarding hours and days the new location would be open. The Library interviewed four great candidates for the Public Services Librarian position. Adult Programming & Outreach Department Head Clark stated we received a \$1000 grant from the ASRT (American Society of Radiology Technologists). The grant was used to purchase books and materials for adults and children. A display will be put up from Nov. 1st thru the 15th, both in the Library and on the Bookmobile. The Library applied for a grant from the American Library Association (ALA) for a traveling exhibit "Americans and the Holocaust" and we received it. The Bozeman Public Library was one of 50 winners chosen out of 252 Libraries that applied throughout the country. The display will be upstairs March 16th thru April 27th, 2020. Lots of new classes and programs are in the works. Department Head Cindy Christin stated that the annual Children's Festival of the Book will be on Nov 9th. The program, funded by the Library Foundation, will feature two Caldecott-winning author/illustrators and a local author from Butte. They will be doing School visits on Thursday, have a day at Yellowstone Park on Friday and then speak at the Festival on Saturday.

City Report

City Commissioner Terry Cunningham had nothing to report at this time.

Friends Report

President Pam Henley was not present but forwarded updates to Foundation Director Johnson for the meeting: the next Friends Book Sale will be on Nov. 1st-3rd; the Friends are looking for a new book buyer to purchase the leftover books from their sales and they are going to fund Lynda.com for Library patrons this year.

Foundation Report

Director Janay Johnson stated that we received an award for the Children's Festival of the Book from Humanities Montana in the amount of \$1000. The annual Library Gala was very successful and netted about \$100,000. She shared that the costumes people wore were amazing and fit the Gala theme of "Libraries Rock!" The Foundation Board is deep in the planning process to explore possible expansion plans for the Library, with the Library Trustees and other stakeholders. She stressed that we are at the very, very beginning phase of a project planning process. Many more meetings and discussions with staff and stakeholders will happen in the future. The Foundation has elected a new board member who has recently moved to Bozeman from Colorado and was very active on the library board in his former community.

Adjournment There being no further business, Board Chair Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.