

**Bozeman Public Library**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**  
**Public Safety Center**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance** Trustees Stewart Mohr, Kelley Dowdell, Ken Spencer & Jennifer Pawlak; Bozeman Public Library (BPL) Director Susan Gregory, Assistant Director Kit Stephenson, Department Heads Corey Sloan & Sarah Creech, Administrative Assistant Lauranna Cossins, Foundation Director Janay Johnson & Assistant City Attorney Jen Giuttari

Not Present: Trustee Pam Henley, City Commissioner Terry Cunningham & Friends President Ramona Mead

**Call to Order** Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Stewart Mohr at 4:02 pm

**Public Comment** – no comment

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Action** Trustee Spencer moved to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting, Trustee Dowdell seconded. No further discussion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**Action/ Discussion**

1. Display & Programming Policy - Stephenson presented the Display and Programming policies that were provided to the Trustees prior to the meeting. The request for reconsideration information was added to both policies.

**Action:** Trustee Dowdell moved to approve the Display and Programming policies as presented. Trustee Pawlak seconded. No further discussion. The Board voted to approve.

**Reports**

**Correspondence** Director Gregory shared the following patron comments:

“A security camera in the teen corner.”

“Create a Lego set exchange.”

“Buy more books!”

“Sewing crafts?”

“No suggestions, you’ll are doing great! Thank you.”

## Director and Staff Reports

Director Report: This was provided to the Trustees prior to meeting. Gregory highlighted the Library renovation project status and shared that the Lindley Perk Coffee Shop will remain open through February. This will allow the Friends of the Library to sell books in the Lindley Perk a bit longer. The Bozeman Community Center public engagement started this week with the publication of the online survey. The first in person session will be on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Center and the architects will be there to answer questions. Project Manager Jon Henderson, Parks & Recreation Director Mitch Overton, and Gregory presented a PowerPoint on the proposed west side project, now called the Bozeman Community Center, at the City Commission January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The SymBozium program on the topic of “The Ethics of Death and Dying” will likely take place in May.

Department Heads Highlights – Department reports were provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Stew requested a highlight from Department Head Corey Sloan regarding the “Longest Night of the Year” Program that was held on Dec 21, 2022.

## Reports

City Commission Library Liaison- Terry Cunningham – No report provided

Library Foundation - Foundation Director Janay Johnson provided a handout of the proposed 2023 Library Funding Initiatives that will be presented to the Library Foundation Board for approval in the coming weeks.

Trustee Mohr wanted to recognize Janay and the Foundation Board for raising the funds for the Library Renovation Project. The recognition will be in the Board minutes.

Friends of the Bozeman Public Library- President Ramona Mead was not present, but shared via email that the Friends are planning a book sale at the Fairgrounds on April 29, 2023. The coffee shop will remain open as long as possible.

## Board Training

City of Bozeman 2023 Ethics Training was provided by Assistant City Attorney Jen Giuttari to the Library Board of Trustees Kelly Dowdell, Ken Spencer, Jennifer Pawlak & Stew Mohr. Trustee Pam Henley was not present and will do a makeup Ethics training at another time.

**Next Board meeting: February 15, 2023**

**Adjournment** There being no further business, Chair Stewart Mohr adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.