

Billings Public Library
November 8, 2018
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Chair Stella Fong, Vice Chair Sue Bach, Cheryle Fisher, Bill Lamdin, Lloyd Mickelson, Roger Young, Tori Koch, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Information Systems Coordinator; Mary Murphrey, Library and Facility Coordinator. Guests: Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation; Clare Young, Friends of the Library; Elizabeth Chappell, Vista Volunteer.

Public Comment

Fong shared a “Libraries Power Communities” YouTube video made by Gavin Woltjer.

Chair’s comments

Fong:

- Reported that the Friends of the Library held a “meet and greet” fundraiser at Hooligans.
- Asked Modrow to update the Board on the Royal Johnson speaker series. Modrow noted that the Foundation wants to build a “savings account” to make sure that this continues to bring in “big thinkers” that will challenge the community.
- Reported that Shanna Deitsch has resigned from the Library Board after accepting a position out of state.
- Noted that Young, Bach, Modrow, Gavin Woltjer, and she met to discuss the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten project.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve minutes as amended.

Lamdin/Bach

Chair and Vice Chair Vote

Fong reported that Young was nominated as the next Library Board Chair and Jennifer Quinn as the Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Approve Young as the Chair and Quinn as the Vice-Chair. Fisher/Lamdin

Billings Public Library 5 Year Celebration

Fong reported that:

- A week of events will be held January 28 through February 1.
- She will ask Bill Cochran to speak, along with some of the Building Design Committee members.
- She would like to create a committee to pull the celebration together. The celebration should include the historical aspect of the project, video, and a panel discussion. The panel discussion may consist of Bill Cochran, Gavin Woltjer, Shari Nault, and Frank Cross with Young moderating.

- The Foundation and FOL will hold a reception on Saturday thanking everyone for their support.

Modrow noted that the Foundation is putting together an architectural tour noting the top ten highlights of the facility.

Robins reported that Library staff already have slides on the construction process.

Bike Library Statistics

Robins introduced Vista Volunteer Elizabeth Chappell. Chappell noted that the Pedal Powered Library:

- Had 3,312 visitors.
- Distributed 2,822 books.
- Travelled 191.4 miles.
- Attended 95 events.

Modrow noted that the Bike Library was made possible by the Magic City Optimistic Club and that books were funded by Foundation grants.

Strategic Plan Display Ideas

Murphrey showed the Library's portable banner and noted that perhaps a similar banner(s) could be printed that highlighted the Library Strategic Plan's mission and vision statements, values, and goals. She asked the Board members for their ideas.

- Fisher suggested that the banner centralize on the 10 strategic areas from the Foundation's architectural tour.
- Mickelson noted that he liked pictures over text and that each area could be bullet-pointed with a few words.
- Lamdin and others suggested that the banners be placed at the:
 - Billings Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center
 - Airport
 - METRA Park ticket booth
- It was noted that the banner should include the Library's address.

Adjourned at 12:55 p.m.