

June 12, 2014

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Vice-Chair Sara Hudson, Sue Bach, Stella Fong, Bill Lamdin, Jennifer Quinn, Betty Richardson, Bernard Rose; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation Development Director; Corrina Graham Martin, Friends of the Library President; PJ Smith, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum.

### **Public Comment**

Smith raised the issue of security of patrons at the Library after dark. Cochran noted that the Library has installed security cameras and hired an additional security guard; however it has no control over the properties across the street.

Fong inquired as to why the Library closes on Sunday during the summer months. Cochran noted that he initiated Sunday hours during the school year without any additional staff in the early 1990s and that the 1994 mill levy passed provided enough funding for the Library to open on Mondays for the first time in more than a decade. He reported that the only large Montana public libraries to offer Sunday hours year around have more staff than the Billings Public Library does; some offer no Sunday hours at any time of year.

### **Consent Agenda**

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda.

Approved

Lamdin/Rose

### **Foundation report**

Rose reported that:

- Food for Thought was successful and that the Foundation raised an additional \$4,000 for books during the event.
- Modrow and Cochran have been busy with Lunch at the Library tours.
- The MacArthur Foundation was here June 10 for a site visit.
- The Tech Learning Lab opened on Tuesday.
- The Foundation is revising their investment policies.

### **Friends of Library**

Bach noted that:

- The Friends of the Library (FOL) have 110 members, with 25 volunteers and about ten active members doing a majority of the work. The FOL would like to be seen as a volunteer organization as well as fund raising.
- The book drive was extremely successful and she discussed the process of how the books are handled and distributed.

- The Book Nook has raised \$2,000 in four months and the FOL has received \$600 in internet sales.
- The FOL now have a new logo.

### **Building Project Update**

Cochran noted that the demolition of the old building is not proceeding as quickly as expected which will push the completion of the parking lot back to October. He noted that work has begun on removing the temporary sidewalk crossing in front of the old building.

### **High Plains Book Awards Committee report**

Rose reported that the finalists have been selected and the Committee is expecting a good turnout for the Awards ceremony scheduled for October 25. He noted that the Library will be sponsoring a table.

Fong distributed copies of the June 2 High Plains Book Awards Strategic Planning meeting notes. She discussed the meeting and purpose of the planning process.

### **Programming Committee report**

Cochran reported that Programming Committee Chair McKinney has resigned. Cochran and Richardson will serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee.

### **Nominating Committee report**

Rose reported that the nominations for Board Officers are:

- Chair           Sara Hudson
- Vice Chair   Stella Fong  
                    Bill Lamdin  
                    Alex Martin

The election will take place at the next regular Board meeting scheduled for July 10.

Adjourned 1:05 p.m.