

Billings Public Library
April 14, 2016
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Chair Stella Fong, Vice Chair Jeana Lervick, Cheryle Fisher, Bill Lamden, Alex Martin, Jennifer Quinn, Bernard Rose, Roger Young, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Michael Carlson, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator. Guests: Tina Volek, City Administrator; Pat Bellinghausen, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

No Comment

Chair's comments

Fong acknowledged the passing of retired Assistant Library Director, Jim Peters.

Fong reported that the Library was one of seven libraries in the U.S. and Canada to receive the AIA's annual Library Building Award.

Cochran noted that this week was National Library Week.

Fong noted that a City sponsored retirement reception for Cochran will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Thursday, July 21. She also noted that the Library Foundation will sponsor a retirement party for Cochran on Thursday, July 28.

Cochran reported that Kelly Karmel with Design Balance, Ed Gulick with the Yellowstone Valley Citizen Council and guest speaker Steven Arveschoug from the Big Sky Economic Development Council will be at the Library on April 23 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm to celebrate the presentation of the Library LEED Platinum certification.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Pull the March Library Board minutes from the consent agenda.

Approved

Rose/Young

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as amended.

Approved

Rose/Young

Cochran noted that there was a request to amend the minutes to read "Fong invited Board members to attend also. Rose noted that author Carrie La Seur will be speaking at 1pm in the Community Room for One Book Billings."

MOTION: Approve the March minutes as amended.

Approved

Rose/Lamdin

Library Foundation Report

Rose reported that Food for Thought scheduled for June 9 was moving ahead. He reported that there will be twenty-three table hosts.

Rose noted that the Foundation now has a Facebook page.

Rose discussed the Yellowstone County Give Local event scheduled for May 3. The event is designed to draw attention to the work of non-profit groups in the area.

Meet the staff: Elizabeth Fellerer, Children's Services Specialist

Cochran introduced Fellerer. Fellerer discussed the many programs that she helps to provide in the Children's area, as well as the Tween programs and outreach to the schools.

Statement of Concern

Carlson noted that he received a Statement of Concern on the audiobook *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James. He noted that he will present staff's recommendation at the May Trustee meeting.

FY17 Library Budget presentation

Cochran presented a draft PowerPoint of the Library's FY17 budget presentation. He noted that the PowerPoint will be presented to City Council at their May 2 work session. He invited Library Trustees to attend.

City Administrator Tina Volek on Director search and transition

Volek expressed regret over Cochran's upcoming retirement. She noted that while she will consult with others, the final decision on the selection of a new Director lies with the City Administrator. Volek noted that the candidates have been narrowed down and skype interviews will be scheduled for those candidates. The final interviews will be done in person. She noted that she hopes to have a new Director on board by mid-July.

Adjourned at 1:25 p.m.