

Billings Public Library
March 9, 2017
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Vice Chair Bernard Rose, Sue Bach, Bill Lamdin, Alex Martin, Roger Young, Gavin Woltjer, Library Director; Tori Koch, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator. Guests: Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation Development Director; Clare Young, Friends of the Library President.

Public Comment

None

Vice Chair's comments

Rose encouraged the Board Trustees to arrange for a meeting to visit with Woltjer.

Rose reminded the Board of the upcoming MLA Conference in Billings for March 29-31.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda.

Approved

Lamdin/Bach

Meet the staff: Tori Koch, Assistant Director

Koch gave an overview of her family and hobbies, as well as her educational and professional background.

Strategic Plan

Woltjer noted that:

- He will hold four community forums in the Library during April and May.
- He will be developing questions over the next couple of weeks.
- He wants the strategic plan to be intentional, measurable and have an end result.

Woltjer asked the Board for their input on the community forums. It was suggested that forums should also be held on the weekends and/or evenings.

The Board suggested that surveys could be distributed:

- During Library programs.
- On the bookmobile and senior outreach van.
- With book club kits.
- Through the Chamber of Commerce.
- Using public service announcements.

- At Food for Thought.

It was also suggested that perhaps the schools could be used as a venue to hold the forums.

Idea Folder

Woltjer discussed the “Idea folder”. He asked the Board for their input on programs and other Library related issues.

Woltjer noted that Russell Rowland will host a panel discussion, “Montana Literary Landscape”, on April 20 in the Community Room. He noted that another panel discussion, “Civility in America: A Civil Conversation”, will be held May 25.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn.

Approved:

Martin/Bach

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.