

Billings Public Library Board Meeting
May 10, 2018
12:00-1:00 pm, Yellowstone Board Room, Billings Public Library

Minutes

Present: Chair Stella Fong, Sue Bach, David Darby, Cheryle Fisher, Bill Lamdin, Shanna Singleton-Deitsch, Roger Young, Gavin Woltjer, Library Director; Tori Koch, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Coordinator; Leslie Modrow Library Foundation; Clare Young, FOL President.

Public comment

None

Chair's Comments

Fong reported that:

- Judy Woodruff was here and it was very successful.
- Food for thought is June 7th, Fong also passed out a list of table numbers and hosts.
- Friends of the Library will have a fundraiser at Last Chance Pub on May 15th 2018, 1\$/pint sold will be given to the Friends of the Library.
- High Plains Book Awards reviews are due May 15th.
- Library is holding a genealogy series with instruction by Robins and Lynne Puckett.
- MLA sends email that have information which recipients can forward to legislators, etc. in support of libraries.

Consent agenda

Motion: Approve consent agenda

Approved Fisher/Darby

Strategic Plan

Fong passed out letter from Board regarding support of strategic plan.

- Feedback- Bach would like to see the word “book” in the plan. R. Young agreed, Darby agreed.
- Discussion regarding additional statements regarding truth and public forum, Fong asked that these ideas be sent to her, she will send to Woltjer. Woltjer asked for additional words such as fact vs truth.
- Woltjer would like a picture of the board to be taken at the next meeting for inclusion in the strategic plan.
- Discussion ensued regarding use of “hold the line” budget compared to more specific language regarding how money is moved within the library budget.
- Discussion- Darby would like an appendix of 2-3 pages that defines the library itself i.e. functions, services, etc. what it is and what it does. R. Young would like to see statistics included.
- Woltjer will put everything together for review and vote at the next meeting.

MLA debriefing

Woltjer stated Modrow presented, 7 library staff presented, and the bookmobile was also at the conference. Woltjer will present a 3 hour workshop at the Fall Workshop based on his MLA presentations.

Allocation of Library Funds for Special Events

Fong noted that the Board should support Woltjer to attend meetings, events, and obtain memberships if needed. She also noted the Board could work with the Friends of the Library and the Foundation to support Woltjer. C. Young asked how much money this might be. Woltjer will look at funds.

Adjournment: 12:58 pm