

September 11, 2008

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Tony Hines, Dan Carter, Paulette Laszlo, Lloyd Mickelson, Jean Warner; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Jim Peters, Assistant Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Systems Administration; Sandy Raymond, Senior Administrative Coordinator; Nikki Broch, President of the Friends of the Library; Leslie Modrow, Development Director for the Library Foundation; Eakle Barfield, Director of Facilities Services for MSU-Billings; Lisa DuBeau

Public Comment

DuBeau and Barfield were introduced.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Remove items *B, C and D* for discussion.

Approved

Laszlo/Carter

MOTION: Approval of Consent Agenda except *items B, C and D*.

Approved

Carter/Warner

Item B Friends of the Library report

- Broch reported that the Friend's Book Sale would be held October 16-19
- Books for Babies programs will start on Monday, September 15

Item C Foundation Report

Du Pont did not report because she was unable to attend the August meeting.

Modrow provided copies of the Foundation report.

Mickelson will meet with his committee to develop a job description for the Board Liaison to the Foundation.

Item D Staff Report

Cochran advised the Board that it was time for them to send a letter to the City Administrator on his job performance per the Inter-local Agreement. Hines asked for comments from Board by September 19.

MOTION: Accept reports on items *B, C and D*.

Approved

Carter/Laszlo

Statements of Concern

The Time Traveler's Wife

Cochran and Peters provided background regarding the staff response to the Statement of Concern.

DuBeau expressed her concern about the placement of the book in the Teen Pit because it contained erotic matter not suited for younger teens.

MOTION: Postpone decision on the book *The Time Traveler's Wife* until the October 9 meeting.

Approved

Mickelson/Laszlo

Anger

Peters provided background regarding the staff response to the Statement of Concern.

MOTION:

Accept staff recommendation on the book *Anger* in response to the Statement of Concern.

Approved

Mickelson/Warner

MOTION: Move Item 6 to the next item.

Approved

Carter/Laszlo

Community Library Committee Report

Cochran reported on the progress of the Joint Community Library Project. A presentation on the project will be given to the City Council on October 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

A PowerPoint presentation on the trip to visit libraries in Colorado and Wyoming, prepared by MSU-B Library Associate Director Brent Roberts, was viewed.

Barfield advised the Board that a big challenge was ahead for funding of project and ongoing operating costs that will be needed.

Mickelson stated that there is an urgency that we move along with this project; there are many things to be done and decisions to be made that will require Board involvement.

Annual Update of Strategic Plan

Cochran reviewed the revised plan and reported on the progress to date.

MOTION: Adopt the updated Strategic Plan as presented.

Approved

Carter/Warner

Joint Facilities and Funding Committee Report

Carter, Chair of the Facilities committee reported that his group and the Funding Committee have been holding regular meetings and a joint meeting was held to discuss overlapping issues. A recommendation will be developed for presentation to the Board before the end of the year.

High Plains Book Award Committee report

Mickelson reported that the tickets have been printed and can be purchased from him - \$40 for a single ticket and \$300 for a table. He would like help from the Board in marketing the event and selling tickets. Invitations are being printed and will be mailed soon. Both mail and email lists need to be developed for use in promoting the event next year.

Cochran reported that a large number of authors will attend the banquet.

Adjournment.