



BILLINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2022
12:00 p.m.

Board and City Staff present:

David Darby, Chair	Andrea Horrell, Vice Chair	Peggy McSweyn, via Zoom
Lloyd Mickelson via Zoom	Jennifer Smith	Cheryle Fisher via Zoom
Roger Young	Gavin Woltjer, Library Director	Jamie Bratlie, Library & Facility Coordinator
Kelsie Rubich, Info. Systems Coordinator		

Absent:

Staci Samuelson	Trudi Paulson
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Guests:

Leslie Modrow, Foundation	P.J. Smith, YGF
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Public Comment

Director Woltjer thanked and congratulated Board member McSweyn for her reappointment to the Board.

Chair's Comments

Chairman Darby had a few items that he covered quickly:

- If Board members have any final thoughts on the Strategic Planning process, please email them to Darby and Woltjer soon.
- Darby will soon ask the Board for their observations and comments regarding the Director's evaluation and the annual Council report due in September.
- A Board photo will be taken at the June meeting. Please come prepared.
- Darby mentioned upcoming discussion regarding progress of the Board's goals and fall retreat planning.

Consent Agenda

a. Motion and second to approve the April 2022 minutes. All in favor. Mickelson/Smith

Director Presentation and Board Discussion

- a. FY23 Budget: Woltjer shared his Council Power Point budget presentation with the Board. He told them the BPL serves a population of about 180,000 in Yellowstone County with 33 staff members. Answering Darby's questions, Woltjer explained the 9.5 City mills and 3.0 County mills.
- b. BPL Strategic Plan update: Woltjer said there are still a few more community meetings planned. His goal is for the Board to vote on the plan at the June meeting. Woltjer and Darby asked the Board to provide any comments to them within a week. Going through the document, Woltjer covered all the proposed changes with the Board.
- c. BPL Management update: None

Reports

- a. Foundation, Leslie Modrow:
 - Food for Thought is scheduled for June 9. At meeting time, there were only 35 seats left out of 160.
 - The Royal Johnson Forum is scheduled on September 14. Some events will be at the BPL and some will be at MSUB Petro Hall.
 - The Foundation is working with the BPL to create the first Story Trail in Montana. It will be located in Josephine Park.
- b. FOL: No report
- c. YGF, P.J. Smith: Smith said there were 11 visitors in April. Since January, the average number of monthly visitors is 13. Smith said on May 21 in the Community Room the Forum will host the Reveal Presentation of the results of Rob Griggs DNA research. She said there were some cool things found.

Good of the Order

None

Adjournment

Motion, second, and approved to adjourn.
1:02 pm

Young/Horrell