

January 8, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Tony Hines, Vice-Chair Shari Nault Pullar, Paulette Laszlo, Lyn McKinney, Lloyd Mickelson, Dave Ward, Jean Warner; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Jim Peters, Assistant Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Systems Administration; Mary Murphrey, Support Staff IV; Nicki Broch, President of the Friends of the Library; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation; Elizabeth (Betty) Richardson, County Board Applicant.

Public Comment

Broch announced that the Friends of the Library have scheduled a Planning/Budget Retreat on January 21, 2009 from 10 am to 12 noon. She also reported that the Books for Babies program will be announced in the *Billings Gazette* on Monday.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve consent agenda except for Item C.

Approved Mickelson/Modrow

Item C

Redman distributed quarterly statistics and requested that it be added as a supplement to the Staff report.

MOTION: Accept Consent Agenda Item C.

Approved _____ Nault /McKinney

Statement of Concern

Peters reported on the statement of concern from Emily Deichl regarding the book *And Tango Makes Three*.

MOTION: Accept staff recommendation.

Approved _____ McKinney/Warner _____

Montana Shared Catalog

Cochran updated the Board on the current stand alone catalog system. He noted that the SirsiDynix Horizon system will no longer be developed and will eventually need to be phased out entirely.

Redman explained the options available to the Library. Continue with a stand alone system, explore an open source ILS software system, develop a local consortium, or join an established consortium, such as the Montana Shared Catalog. Redman noted that the Library was leaning towards the Montana Shared Catalog, and recommended that the Library submit an application to join during the coming fiscal year, because of likely availability of state funding to help underwrite the transition.

It was noted that this discussion could continue at the upcoming Board retreat.

OCLC and *From Awareness to Funding*

Cochran passed out copies of *From Awareness to Funding: A Study of Library Support in America*, recently published by OCLC, and encouraged Board members to read it as background for future operating and capital funding efforts.

McKinney, a member of the OCLC Members Council and its Executive Committee, provided a short description of what OCLC is and does, and also encouraged trustees to read the report.

Cochran then distributed a handout to the Board entitled *Budgeting for Outcomes: Better Results for the Price of Government*, which he had received at the recent City Department Head Budget Planning Retreat.

Community Library Committee report

Cochran and Mickelson updated the Board on the status of the joint Community Library Committee. High Plains Architects, LNM Associates and Drew Harrington Associates was the team hired to do the preliminary planning and they'll be in Billings January 20 and 21. The Board was encouraged to attend the joint meetings.

Adjournment 1:30 p.m.