

December 11, 2014

MINUTES

Present: Chair Sara Hudson, Sue Bach, Jeana Lervick, Alex Martin, Jennifer Quinn, Betty Richardson, Bernard Rose; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator, Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation Development Director, Corrina Graham Martin, Friends of the Library President. Guests: Cara Schaer and George Warmer, Co-Chairs of Royal Johnson Celebration Campaign.

Public Comment

Rose noted that sign up is open for January's One Book Billings. The January book discussion will be Craig Lancaster's *Edward Adrift*.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda.

Approved

Foundation report

Rose Introduced Schaer and Warmer. Schaer and Warmer invited the Library Board Trustees to join them in recognizing and celebrating Royal Johnson's many accomplishments. They asked for Board support of the recognition campaign.

Rose reported that:

- The annual appeal letter went out.
- The Foundation continues to receive gifts that qualify for the Montana Tax Credit program.
- The Foundation has received funding from the St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation for the Read to a Dog Program. He noted that a "puppy party" will be held Saturday, December 13 to introduce the program.

Friends of the Library report

Bach noted that:

- Last month's sales through the Book Nook and internet earned \$600.
- They sent 118 boxes of books to Better World Books.

Donation to Books for Babies Program

Cochran noted that staff has recommended that \$2,000 be contributed to the Billings Junior Women's Club for the Books for Babies Program.

MOTION: Support the Books for Babies Program by contributing \$2,000.

Approved

Rose/Lervick

Building Project Update

Cochran noted that:

- The contractor was in the process of closing down the site for the winter.
- The OAC meeting scheduled for today will be the last one until spring.
- Temporary sidewalks and a parking lot have been installed and the construction fence will be moved today. This will allow for the opening of the south entrance doors.
- He expects mediation to start in March to determine how the additional costs will be allocated.

High Plains Book Awards report

Rose reported that:

- The book awards was successful.
- Committee guidelines are being developed and will be presented to the Library Board.
- They are still looking for a fiscal home for the High Plains Book Awards.
- The committee asks the Board to continue to support the committee and the awards.

MOTION: Move to confirm the Board's support of the High Plains Book Awards.

Approved

Rose/Quinn

Annual Board Retreat

Cochran reviewed the agenda for the January 17 Library Board Retreat. The agenda will include:

- Board Operation
- Board member orientation and professional development
- Committees
- Year in review
- Strategic Planning Fy2017-2019.

The January 8th Board meeting was cancelled in lieu of the retreat.

Adjourned 1:05 p.m.