

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**Lewistown Public Library**



**Lewistown Public Library  
Board of Trustees**

**Thursday, 10/8/2015  
2:00 PM – 3:34 PM  
Upstairs Meeting Room  
Lewistown Public Library**

**Lewistown Public Library's Mission Statement:**

**“The Lewistown Public Library provides free and equal access to quality materials and services, which fulfill the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the entire community.”**

**2:00 PM Call to order -- roll call** - Regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Mary Frieze, Chairperson. Members present: Cathy Moser, Blanche Chapman, Tom Wojtowick and Directory KellyAnne Terry. Excused City Commissioner Patty Turk and Marie Anderson, Ex-Officio.

**Appoint Recorder of Minutes:** Tom Wojtowick

**Reading of the Mission Statement:** Blanche Chapman

**Revision of the Agenda:** none made

**Comments for the good of the Library:**

- Mary Frieze complimented the Montana Repertory Theatre production last Sunday
- Director K Terry reported on the hiring of Dani Buehler, replacing Lora Poser-Brown

**Disposition of Minutes:**

- T Wojtowick and B Chapman motioned for acceptance. Unanimous agreement.

**Financial Reports:**

- Director Terry mentioned many recent expenditures for travel and training and the need to finalize the Board's approval of the 2015-16 budget at this meeting.
- T Wojtowick and C Moser motioned approval of claims for September. Unanimous agreement.
- Central Montana Foundation funds were discussed.

**Director's Report:**

- Director Terry reported on the conferences she and some of the staff members have attended - Mountain Plains Library Association Conference in Cheyenne WY, and State Library Fall Workshop in Helena. She also noted she will attend the PNLA Leadership Instituted at the end of the month in Spokane.
- She talked about the personnel changes and the quality of staff in the Library.
- She reported some changes to be made in the Montana Share Catalogue program.

**Statistical Report:**

- KellyAnne was unable to provide this report but will include it next month.

## **Communications:**

### **Friends of the Library**

- B Chapman gave the report in the absence of M Anderson.
  - The recent meeting of the Friends had but five in attendance and they are focused on raising funds for the exterior of the Library. In discussion, this project may be piecemealed spreading the cost over a longer period of time. The Friends are considering a fundraiser for this purpose.
- Both the Chokecherry sale and the recent sale did well. They were short-handed for workers at the last sale.
- There has been a recent change to the meeting date for the Friends.

**Commissioner's Report:** none given

**Discussion with the Public:** none made

## **Continuing Business:**

- Approval of the 2015-16 Library Budget. As the budget has been approved by the City Commission, T Wojtowick and B Chapman motioned approval. Unanimous agreement.
- KellyAnne reported on her upcoming PLD Retreat at Chico Hot Springs 27-19 Oct.
- When asked, it was reported that the old blinds for the new windows are still a work-in-progress in Helena.
- Darrell Tuss has suggested that the exterior repairs may be made in sections, provided that one color is used throughout.
- In a question about the solar panels on the roof, Northwest Energy could evaluate the system. There is but little energy provided for the use of the Library.
- Recent donations include those in memory of Lisbeth Page.

## *Upcoming Events:*

- Cathy Moser "In the Winner's Circle" - 8 Oct 2015 at 6 pm
- Ellen Baumler "Ghosts" - 21 Oct at 6 pm
- Ken Robison "Central Montana and the Civil War" - 12 Nov 6 pm. Ken was discussed as a possible Author Dinner presenter
- There may be a presentation by Stan Blodgett about the Nez Perce on December 4.

## **New Business:**

- Library Development Task Force - Survey Discussion. Directory Terry asked the board to contribute to the Facilitate Questions section.
  - The strengths of our community: diversity, small population awareness, good local leadership, recreation and public lands, central location, good Library meeting room, low cost of living, and the boomerang effect of native people returning in retirement.
  - The challenges of our community: economic viability, reasonable discussions and agreements, qualified workers needed, fee cultural opportunities, lack of profession learning opportunities, paucity of young people in early adulthood. Quality of life in our community: education, good air and water, parks and trails, few eateries.
- Listening Session and Survey 1 Questions.

- Library provides essential services to our community: information and assistance, meeting room, computer accessibility, literary recommendations and assistance, genealogy materials, social support, books to groups and homes, library considered a pillar of our community Library could address needs that exist in our community: provide open forums on current issues or concerns, provide online support especially for continuing education programs, proctor exams for students, training and certification, increase local college programming, provide training in the Montana Memory Project.
- Library could respond to those needs: high school and college students, have volunteers helping students earn their credits, provide power-point training and possibly info-graphic training.
- KellyAnne asked Board members to do the survey online that prioritizes programs and service in the state.
- There was discussion about federal and state funding support for libraries. Some state funds come from the General Fund.

**Trustee Minute:**

- The board offered gratitude and support to Cathy Moser on her presentation for tonight.

3:34 pm Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** Thursday, November 12, 1015 at 2:00 pm in the Upstairs Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted: KellyAnne Terry, Director