



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.

1:30 PM – Call to order -- Roll call – Regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is called to order by Jean Collins. Trustees Present: Jean Collins, Andrea Payne, Mariah Shammel, Dani Buehler, Mary Callahan-Baumstark. Absent: Arlene Mari. Library Staff Present: Alissa Wolenetz and Chiara VanderBeek.

Appoint Recorder of Minutes: Chiara VanderBeek.

Reading of the Mission Statement: Andrea Payne.

Revisions to the Agenda

- None.

Comments for the Good of the Library:

- Everyone was happy about the Author's Dinner.

Disposition of March 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

- Mariah moved to approve the minutes, Mary 2nd. All in favor.

Financial Reports

- The Library has received the County's share.
- An anonymous donor recently contributed over \$7,000 to the Library's permanent endowments at CMF.
- The Board will hold a Work Session for the FY 25 Budget on June 7th at 1:00 PM.
- Dani moved to approve all claims. Andrea 2nd. All in favor.

Discussion of Director's Report

Library Statistics

- Alissa noted that the statistics for April went down as expected due to the library closure for deep cleaning and MLA training.
- More than 4,000 books have been delivered to children and families in Fergus County through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Programming

- Chiara received a \$1,000 grant from Town Pump for Summer Reading Program.
- The FOL has committed \$3,000 to hosting a free Scholastic Book Fair during Summer Reading Program.
- Alissa and Chiara reviewed the final summer schedule with the Board.

Communications

Friends of the Library - Mary Jo Hamling

- The FOL sponsored the speaker for Author Dinner and are sponsoring a free book fair.
- There is a collection of classical music CDs available at the Book Station.

City Commission - Dani

- Dani asked the FOL to consider a presentation to the Commission on the work they do for the Library and the community.
- There is a Municipal Summit on June 4th.
- The Commission is preparing for budget season.

Discussion with the Public

- None.

Continuing Business

- Mary gave an update on the Spring Federation Meeting. She is now Chair of the South Central Federation. Mary asked the trustees to consider attending at least one of the two annual Federation meetings. The Board discussed the changing role of Federations in Montana.
- Author Dinner was a success. The next event will be in September 2025 to better align with annual workflow for staff and to avoid conflicts with Summer Reading Program.
- The Director presented a hiring recommendation for a summer seasonal at 20 hours per week for 10 weeks. Mary moved to approve the hire. Dani 2nd. All were in favor.
- The Board discussed their annual funding request for FY 25 from the County Commission. Dani moved to approve the funding request. Mary 2nd. All in favor.

New Business

- The Board discussed their annual contribution to the Library's depreciation fund in the amount of \$5,000 from CMF. Mary moved to approve the contribution. Andrea 2nd. All in favor.

Trustee Minute

Mariah is enjoying *Bridgerton*. Dani recommends PBS Digital Studios.

(3:05PM Dani moves to adjourn, Mariah 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.)

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 7, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Chiara VanderBeek, Librarian.