

Minutes of the
Laurel Public Library Board of Trustees

July 10, 2018

Attending

Arthur Vogeley
Bill Hanson

Clair Killebrew
Nancy Schmidt

Dixie Feller

Minutes

Bill moved that the minutes for June 2018 be approved as read. Dixie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence

None

Circulation Report – compared to same time period last year...

Traffic: up 29.7%; circulation: all items circulated totaled 4,421 (including 394 eBooks), book circulation was up 5.6%, media circulation was up 9.6%, eBook checkouts for this month was 10.3% of total book circulation, we circulated 635 items to partners and 73 items from other libraries; computers: internet use was up 21.4%, children's use was down 16.7%, wi-fi use was up 12.8%; patron cards: city registrations made up 60.7% of library users, county patrons 34.5% and non-resident registered patrons 4.3%. There were 58 tech assists in June.

Old Business

The Summer Reading Program had an attendance of 98 youth and 8 adults in June. There were over 175 readers registered by July 4th. There are 3 more weekly activities planned for this year. The final day to turn in reading records for the Grand Prize is August 25, 2018. Final reading program numbers will be available in September.

The Summer Lunch Program, co-sponsored with Laurel Public Schools, has seen an amazing number of attendees. There were 630 youth meals and 20 adult meals served in June. We hope to serve more in July and August each month.

Clifford, The Big Red Dog, stopped by the library to visit with kids and parents on Monday, June 25th. Montana PBS sponsored Clifford's visit at the library. Activities were planned to coincide with the Summer Reading theme of "Libraries Rock". Library aide, Julia Torna, played the part of Clifford for the program.

Trustees had asked that the parking lot be restriped when possible. Nancy stated that she would talk to Kurt about whether City crews would be able to do that. It was mentioned that we should "ask street artists to paint our lot", half in jest. After some discussion it was decided that "street art" should be embraced by the library. Bill motioned that we authorize someone to paint the parking lot using 'clean' street art, Dixie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Nancy will contact local artists about painting the parking lot.

New Business

Patrons have been complaining about the unsteadiness of the computer desks. It doesn't take much movement to cause the whole 'pod' to move while sitting at a computer. There have been many times when library staff had to straighten the legs on the desks to prevent them from falling on patrons. Nancy suggested asking the Foundation if it would be willing to purchase new, sturdy computer desks for the library. After discussion, it was agreed that new desks should be purchased to replace the current desks.

Fall Workshops will be held in Billings this year. Workshop dates are September 17th & 18th at the Double Tree Inn. Anyone interested in attending can register through the State Library website.

Missoula Public Library has sent out the invoices for Heritage Quest/Ancestry Library Edition renewals. This year access to Newspapers.com may also be added for an additional cost. Also, along that line, the Billings Gazette keeps rising in cost. There was discussion concerning the renewal cost compared to the amount of readership the Gazette receives. Library staff will monitor its use for 4-6 months before deciding whether we should cancel our subscription to the Billings Gazette.

Election of Officers was held with Dixie making the motion that all positions be maintained for each Board member. Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed. Arthur will continue to be the Board Chair, Bill will continue to be the Vice-Chair, Clair will also continue as Federation Representative.

Other

Coming up –

Staff vacations – Nancy will be taking a week off in August for visiting family.

Federation Coordinator's meeting – October 8th & 9th

Addressing the Board

None

Next regular meeting

August 14, 2018

Dixie motioned the Board meeting adjourn, Bill seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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