

Passed 4/13/16

**WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY March 9, 2016 7:00 P.M.
WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY, 9 SPOKANE AVENUE**

Members Present: Anne Shaw Moran, Chair; Alison Pomerantz, Secretary; Roger Barber, Vice Chair and Mitch Drachman.

Members Absent: Mary Vail, Treasurer

Others Present: Joey Kositzky, Director

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

Presentation from Heather Schmidt, Superintendent of Whitefish Schools

- Talked about success of Whitefish Public Schools (three National Merit Finalists).
- Spoke about request for Building Reserve Levy that will serve as a local school buildings “savings account.”
- Addressed how she was working on PR and spoke to 15 different groups/grassroots communication to answer questions about the status of WF Public schools and plans.
- Explained how the district is conducting demographic surveys and examining the economics of the community as they weigh out the infrastructure needs of Muldown and the high school.
- Looking at the problems, coming up with potential solutions and making a recommendation by this Fall.
- Heather concluded by extending an invitation for an ongoing community partnership.

OLD BUSINESS`

Director’s Report

Joey Kositzky reported that:

- WCL has added more than 225 new media items to the collection from the WCF grant. There is still about \$1,000 left to spend and several items have been pre-ordered.
- Mary and Joey will be attending MLA in Missoula April 6-9. It is at this conference that we earn several CE credits toward certification and have our face-to-face Partners’ meeting. Two volunteers (Betty Hawley and Ashley Myett) will cover our hours and both Gail and Connie have agreed to work extra hours.

- Joey is considering not attending the MSC conference in Helena this year in early May in lieu of attending via “Go-to-Meeting” instead.
- ELSA information is due to the State Library on March 22. Joey has completed the online application.
- The new parking signs are up and seem to be accomplishing the objective of ensuring parking for library patrons primarily. WLA paid for the signs and the City installed them.
- Joey is looking for extra computer paper boxes to send the Thrift books.
- Rex Harrison stopped by to signoff on the Roundup for Safety grant. Joey told him a number of instances where the new cameras really helped with library safety.
- Mary presented to five different outreach story times beginning on March 2 to area preschools during Dr. Seuss’s birthday week.
- Friends of the Eugene Public Library donated a Stump Town to Ski Town book that had been donated to them for their book sale. We thanked and sent a \$20 check for their thoughtfulness.
- Roger and Joey had a volunteer orientation recently. Working on strategies to more effectively attract new volunteers.
- WCL now has a link on flatheadevents.net.
- imagineIf is the only library out of 33 in Partners who will not accept replacement copies of damaged items.
- The urinal in the men’s restroom was vandalized. Looking for a plumber and possible prevention strategies.

Approve 1/13/16 and 2/10/16 Meeting minutes

MOTION:

Roger Barber moved to approve the 1/13/16 and 2/10/16 minutes. Mitch Drachman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Follow up on library Signage

Anne Shaw Moran suggested that we delay decisions about WCL signage until May or June for financial reasons. She also expressed concerns about the proposed placement. Mitch created a cardboard mockup to use for easier visualization. Will look at it at the April meeting.

Whitefish Library Association Report

Anne Shaw Moran shared details of the last meeting with everyone. Asked that we go around the table and each share what we most gleaned from the orientation. She also mentioned that they added a new board member, another Jerry Hanson. She also mentioned a move from single donor contributions to more grant applications.

Public Outreach

Aim for the May meeting to kick off plans.

Other Old Business

Roger Barber suggested we elect a new Tamarack representative. Mitch was nominated to take over. He accepted.

Mitch Drachman and Anne Shaw Moran met with Chuck Stearns regarding employee parking and reached an agreement to help alleviate the problem. They have already ordered new signs as agreed upon.

NEW BUSINESS
Policies and Procedures
Donations of Library Materials

MOTION:

Roger Barber moved to approved the noted Donations of Library Materials policy with the addition of the words “most of” in the fourth bullet. Alison Pomerantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION:

Alison Pomerantz moved to replace the Unattended Children policy, dated September 4, 2012, with an updated Children and the Library Policy, dated January 13, 2016. Mitch Drachman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Anne Shaw Moran addressed the budget issues/challenges but stated the WCL was otherwise right on target. She encouraged the Board to continue to each follow the finances closely. The draft budget is due on March 25. WCL is proposing to add 5+ hours of staff time to help maintain high quality services and help with other misc. duties. Mitch Drachman inquired about general maintenance and ongoing technological needs.

MOTION:

Alison Pomerantz moved to approve that Anne Shaw Moran and Joey Kositzsky have authorization to release a draft budget to the City at the same time as it is released to the Board.

Review and Approve Invoices:

None.

Other New Business:

Alison Pomerantz addressed George Bird Grinnel’s presentation and potential partnerships with the O’Shaughnessey Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Alison Pomerantz, Secretary

Approved by the Whitefish Community Library Board of Trustees on:


Anne Shaw Moran, Chair

April 13, 2016