

Billings Public Library
July 14, 2016
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Chair Stella Fong, Sue Bach, Bill Lamdin, Alex Martin, Jennifer Quinn, Bernard Rose, Roger Young, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Michael Carlson, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator. Guests: Dee Ann Redman, Adult Services Librarian; Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation Development Director; Corriana Graham-Martin, Friends of the Library President; P. J. Smith, Genealogy Forum.

Public Comment

No Comment

Chair's comments

Fong thanked the Board of Trustees for their advice and support.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda.

Approved

Rose/Quinn

One Book Billings

Rose reported that:

- The High Plains Book Awards continue to grow.
- September's read is *The Power of the Dog* by Thomas Savage.

Meet the staff: Dee Ann Redman, Adult Services Librarian

Fong introduced Redman. Redman gave a brief overview of her job duties and responsibilities.

City Council Discussion of June Board Action on policy

Fong reported that there was no grounds for discussion of this issue and that City Administrator, Tina Volek will attend the August Board meeting.

ALA Conference Update

Modrow noted that Billings Public Library was one of seven libraries featured for the 2016 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards Ceremony. She noted that many individuals asked her for advice on funding a capital campaign.

Redman noted that she attended the conference after receiving a grant on Financial Literacy for Teens and Tweens.

Cochran distributed copies of the AIA/ALA Awards handout. He presented the AIA/ALA Award of Excellence certificate to Fong to hang in the Yellowstone Board Room.

Director search update

Fong reported Gavin Woltjer was selected for the Director's position and he will begin work on August 1. She noted that with the retirement of Cochran, the Library will be losing a great leader.

Last Board Meeting for incumbent Director – Bill Cochran – 140 characters

Library Board Trustees thanked Cochran for his many accomplishments and achievements during his tenure as Library Director. Cochran discussed his role in the fund raising, bonding and construction of the new Library facility. He ended the Board meeting by reading a poem called "Seth Compton" written by Edgar Lee Masters as an epitaphs for people buried in the Spoon River cemetery.

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.