

Billings Public Library
March 14, 2019
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Chair Roger Young, Vice Chair Jennifer Quinn, David Darby, Cheryle Fisher, Peggy McSweyn, Lloyd Mickelson, Gavin Woltjer, Library Director; Kathy Robins, Information Systems Coordinator; Mary Murphrey, Library and Facility Coordinator. Guests: Cindy Patterson, Children's Librarian.

Public Comment

None.

Chair's comments

Young reminded the Board of the Civil Conversation scheduled for 7:00 p.m. tonight, noting that the subject matter is opioids.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve minutes as amended to include Clare Young in attendance.

Approved

Quinn/Darby

New Board Member

Young introduced McSweyn to the Board. McSweyn gave a brief history of her background and interests.

BPL Overview

Woltjer asked the management staff to give a brief overview of their units.

Robins reported that:

- The recently replaced computers went to other City departments, including the PRPL Senior Community Center.
- Website refresh has begun, which includes cleanup, evaluation, statistics, and training. She noted that it will take about 15 months and should be ready to launch in June 2020.
- Tech Lab Librarian Cody Allen is participating in a research project with universities in Arizona. She noted that they are researching equity in STEM education.
- The Library will participate in the Art Walk scheduled for April 5.

Murphrey reported that:

- New carpet has been installed in the First 5 Years and the Storytower.
- Bookmobile Librarian Patti Skonicki has purchased all the materials from the Yellowstone Valley Electric Coop grant.
- Outreach Librarian Kelsie Rubich received a private donation to purchase five audio book club kits.

Woltjer noted that:

- He visited the Women's Prison and participated in a discussion group on the novel *Station Eleven*, as part of the Big Read Program.
- The third season of the Civil Conversation series starts with a panel discussion on the local impact of opioids.
- He had several speaking engagements which included:
 - Presenting at Leadership Billings – twice.
 - Heights Kiwanis Club.
 - Rocky Mountain Town and Gown.
- He has upcoming speaking engagements at the Rotary in April.

Meet the Staff

Woltjer introduced Children's Librarian Cindy Patterson,

Patterson gave an overview of her position as Children's Librarian, noting that she enjoys Storytime and the Books for Babies program. She also noted that co-worker Courtney Reedy oversees the Tween Steam program and Allynne Ellis oversees early childhood outreach.

March Retreat

Woltjer noted that several Board members were absent and he suggested that the scheduling of the Annual Board Retreat be postponed.

MOTION: Move discussion on Board Retreat to the April Board meeting.

APPROVED

Mickelson/Quinn

Emerging Trends and Issues of Libraries

Woltjer discussed the emerging trends and issues of Libraries which include:

- Workforce/economic development.
- Patent/trademark centers.
- Building the future and how libraries service people.
- Inclusion of different technologies.
- Interaction with patrons. Outreach to include one-on-one training and a mobile makerspace.
- Satellite locations.
- Libraries evolving into community centers.

Adjourned at 1:03 p.m.