

MINUTES

Present: Chair Shari Nault, Sara Hudson, Bill Lamdin, Jennifer Quinn, Betty Richardson, Dave Ward, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation; Guests: Cara Schaer, Library Foundation; Evelyn Noennig, Library Ballot Initiative Committee Co-Chair; Suzanne McKiernan, Library Ballot Initiative Committee Co-Chair; Mary Underriner, Capital Campaign Co-Chair; Pat Bellinghausen, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

McKiernan distributed an informational handout on the Ballot Initiative Committee (BIC) as well as a cabinet contact list. She noted that an open house/fund raiser was scheduled for August 15 at the Capital Campaign headquarters.

Underriner distributed a handout which identifies the roles of the Library campaign entities. She noted that the Capital Campaign was going very well.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve consent agenda.

Approved

Ward/Lamdin

Cochran reported that staff was working on the Library's upcoming 110th anniversary. Nault volunteered to participate in the celebration.

FY2011 Annual Statistics

Robins presented a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the FY11 Annual Statistics.

New Library Building Project

- Project update from Foundation
 - Modrow reported that the Capital Campaign has raised close to \$3.8 million in pledges and cash. She noted that Capital Campaign Consultant Kevin Wallace felt confident that the Foundation would reach their \$5 million goal.
 - Modrow reported that Will Bruder will be in Billings August 11-16 for numerous fund raising activities and meetings.
- Project update from Library Director
 - Decision regarding remaining in building during construction or moving – Cochran noted that in a June 20 cost estimate/site value engineering meeting held at O2 Architects it was confirmed that construction and demolition cost adjustments for working around the current building would not remotely approach the costs of moving out of the current building. He recommended that the

Library remain in the current building during construction of a new building.

MOTION: Approve staff's recommendation regarding Library service location during new building construction.

Approved

Lamdin/Richardson

- Report from Library Building Design Committee Co-Chair – Mickelson was not available to report. Nault recommended that the Board review the May 3 and June 14 minutes. Cochran distributed the agenda for the upcoming August 16 meeting.

High Plains Book Awards Committee Report

Redman provided an update on the High Plains Book Awards, noting that at least ten finalists will be attending the October 5 banquet and that the Emeritus award winner has been selected.

Cochran distributed a letter from a citizen regarding safety concerns at the Library. It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to review the Library's customer behavior policy. Ward and Richardson will meet with the City Attorney's office and report back to the Board. The Board recommended that staff prepare a written response to the citizen complaint.

Adjournment 1:15 pm