

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chair Shari Nault, Vice-Chair Lloyd Mickelson, Sara Hudson, Bill Lamdin, Lyn McKinney, Bernard Rose, Dave Ward, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation, Guests: Evelyn Noenning, Chris Schmechel, Billings Library Initiative Committee; P.J. Smith, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum; Pat Bellinghausen, Billings Gazette.

**Public Comment**

Schmechel reported on the Billings Library Initiative Committee's campaign efforts. She asked for volunteers from the Board. Noenning noted that yard signs were being distributed and thanked the Board for their support.

**Consent Agenda**

MOTION: Approve consent agenda.

Approved

McKinney/Hudson

**New Library Building Project**

- Project update from Foundation
  - Modrow noted that the capital campaign consultant Kevin Wallace was in Billings working with the campaign chairs. She reported that Wallace announced that the capital campaign has been the most successful in the country.
- Project update from Library Director
  - Cochran noted that Will Bruder Architects will be in Billings Monday, October 17 to hold two public meetings to present the final Library design development drawings. The meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Library at 4pm and 7pm.
  - He reported that the ballots will be mailed out to the voters October 19 and the returned ballots counted November 8.
- Report from Library Building Design Committee Co-Chair – Mickelson noted that the Library Building Design Committee will meet with the architects on Tuesday, October 18 at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Library. He noted that a public informational meeting is scheduled for October 25 at 7pm in conjunction with the Heights Task Force meeting at Castlerock Middle School. He encouraged the Board to attend.

**Response to Letter from Ms. Borges**

Ward noted that he will not be writing a Gazette editorial on the issue of security at the Library and suggested that this issue be discussed at the Board's upcoming retreat, due to its complexity and the importance of not trying to address it in haste.

### **High Plains Book Awards Committee Report**

Nault provided an update on the High Plains Book Awards banquet scheduled for October 15 and the reception to be held at the Yellowstone Art Museum on October 14. She noted that the High Plains BookFest is scheduled for October 13 and 14 at the Babcock Theatre.

### **110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Cochran reported that the open house held October 1 was well attended. He commended Assistant Director Dee Ann Redman and staff for a well organized event.

Adjournment 12:55 pm