

Special Meeting

March 16, 2017

Library Board of Trustees

Mountain Home Public Library

790 North 10th East – Mountain Home, ID

Chairperson: Jackie Harper

Vice Chair: Bonnie Sharp

Secretary/Treas: Mary Ellen Hale

Clerk for the Board: William Lamb

Board Members Present: Trustees Jackie Harper, Bonnie Sharp, Kelly Everitt, Mary Ellen Hale, Nadine Roberts

Excused:

Others Present: William Lamb, Library Director; Matt Bundy, City Council Liaison; Erin Burden, Mountain Home News; Steve Goddard, Citizen; Vivian Meyer, Citizen; Anita Twitchell, Citizen

Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair Harper and a quorum was established.

Public Input –

Vivian Meyer, Citizen: Ms. Meyer was present to talk about the Western Elmore County Recreation District (WECRD) and their offer to purchase Library cards for those that do not live in the city. Ms. Meyer indicated that she had previously created a Library District and believed that Mountain Home should consider a Library District to expand Library services in this area. Ms. Meyer advised she had mixed feelings about the proposal. Ms. Meyer and Trustees discussed the pros and cons of a District in our community.

Stephen Goddard, Citizen: Mr. Goddard was present to discuss his opposition to the WECRD proposal. Mr. Goddard wanted to reiterate the original ballot purpose of the WECRD and he believe they were not complying with the original mandate. Mr. Goddard advised the he was not against paying taxes but felt the use of WECRD taxes should only be used for its original purpose.

Consent Agenda –

- A. Approval of Minutes – February 2, 2017
- B. Approval of Bills – February 2017
- C. Approve revision of Policy Section 1.00, Section 1.02 page 4: Bylaws of the Library Board of Trustees, Article IV – Officers.

After a short discussion, Trustee Sharp moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as written. A second was received by Trustee Roberts. Motion carried.

Old Business –

Discussion/Possible Action – WECRD pilot project update

After a brief discussion, Trustee Roberts moved the Board deny the pilot project in partnership with the Western Elmore County Recreation District due to the ongoing controversy regarding the use of the districts funds and possibility of legal proceedings brought by opponents against the project. A second was received by Trustee Everitt. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion/Possible Action – FY17/18 Budget Workshop

Director Lamb presented an overview of the FY17/18 Budget request (on file) and suggested since the leaking roof was a top priority only small adjustments/increases be made to maintain patron demand and cost increases. Director Lamb highlight the areas he felt were of importance for the upcoming budget, including:

- Increase in the Computer Maintenance line to compensate for RFID maintenance.
- Increase in Meetings and Schools line to allow more Staff development and workshop attendance opportunities.
- Increase the Book budget based on patron requests for more digital content and non-traditional circulation items.
- Increase the Repairs & Maintenance budget based on the increased costs to repair the interior of the facility after the roof repair.
- Based on the success of the Library coffee bar, a new expense line should be added.

Director Lamb pointed out in the FY17/18 budget there is a Capital Improvement Request for a replacement HVAC unit. After receiving a quote for a new unit, he requested the Board pull that future request, as funds will be available during this fiscal year to accomplish that replacement.

A short discussion include the possibility of a new City website and Mayor Sykes has asked each department to include additional expenses in their budget requests. Trustees discussed the pros and cons of maintaining the Library's website independently through the State Library. Trustees felt that the Library should maintain its own independent website. Councilman Bundy advised that he would get more information about this from Mayor Sykes and bring it back to the Board. The Board directed Director Lamb to not include the additional budget request at this time.

Overall, the FY17/18 budget will be approximately \$8,000 in additional expense line requests and \$44,000 (after removal of HVAC request) in Capital Improvement requests for the Roof Repair and Technology upgrades with RFID/Geared Up.

Director and Other Reports

- Director Lamb reported on his participation in the Idaho Commission for Libraries Director Summit that was held March 2nd & 3rd. He thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to attend. One of the greatest things that came from it was the networking with other Library Directors in the State.
- Board Trustees were invited to attend an Idaho Commission for Libraries Trustee Connections workshop in Middleton on August 9, 2017.
- The Library has been working to increase its Game Collection and have added approximately 55 new/replacement games to the collection.
- Small snacks have been added in the Coffee Bar and they have been a hit with children and adults. Director Lamb will be bringing forward a request to purchasing a vending machine for the area at a future meeting.
- Director Lamb presented to the Elks Lodge in February about the Library's Graphic Novel collections. The Elks have indicated their support by funding \$1,000.00, which will be donated later this summer.
- Library Staff have been out in the community. Presenting to different civic organizations and sitting on different committees.

Adjournment - With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

William Lamb, Library Director
and Clerk of the Board

Jackie Harper, Library Board Chair