

Billings Public Library
March 10, 2016
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Chair Stella Fong, Vice Chair Jeana Lervick, Sue Bach, Cheryle Fisher, Bill Lamden, 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.

Public Comment

No Comment

Chair's comments

Fong acknowledged Cochran's upcoming retirement and thanked him for his twenty-five years of service to the Library.

Fisher reported that 163 nominations have been received for the High Plains Book Awards. She asked Bach if the Friends of the Library would be able to help distribute the books to the readers. Fisher noted that the next meeting is scheduled for March 22.

Cochran reminded the Board that the Library is a member of the South Central Federation of Libraries and in order to receive State aid the Library has to be represented at one or two Federation meetings per year. He noted that the next meeting will be held in Roundup on Saturday, March 12 and that he and Carlson will attend.

Fong invited Board members to attend also, noting that author Carrie La Seur will be speaking at 1pm.

Rose reported that Food for Thought will be held June 9.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda.

Approved

Rose/Lamdin

Meet the staff: Lynne Puckett, Systems Librarian

Cochran introduced Puckett. Puckett gave a brief overview of her education and work experience.

Strategic Planning

- Billings School District #2 Plan – Lervick gave a presentation of the Billings School District #2 strategic plan. She discussed the importance of developing a

timeline and talking to staff, parents, students, community members and the public to gather their input. She noted that from the discussions short and long range goals were developed.

- Cochran discussed the Library's strategic planning calendar with the Board. He noted that a trustee asked if the calendar should include his upcoming retirement. Cochran asked the Board if they wanted to proceed with the Strategic Plan with the new Director and if so do they want to postpone the plan to FY18 to give the new Director time to familiarize himself/herself with the community.

MOTION: Postpone the strategic planning process for one year.

Approved

Rose/Fisher

Cochran noted that discussion of the Strategic Planning Committee structure and facilitators for public input meetings could be discussed when a new Director is hired.

Adjourned at 1:07 p.m.