**Meagher County City Library**

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 9, 2022**

**5:30 p.m., Library**

**In attendance:** Bobbie, Carol, Elton, Paul, Rachel, Glenda, Shannon

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

* July 12th, 2022 Board Minutes – Carol made a motion to approve. Bobbie seconded. Motion passed.

**Paying of Bills and Financial Reports**

* Deposits to the County Treasurer-$145.21
* Bills-
	+ Industrial Towel - $31.16
	+ Industrial Towel - $186.96
	+ Castle Mountain Grocery - $8.99
	+ Triangle Communications – $8.96
	+ Rachel Wahlstrom - $390.55
	+ Rachel Wahlstrom - $291.00
	+ Montana Shared Catalog – Montana State Library - $1934.55
	+ Fischer Electric - $833.90
	+ Western Skies Construction - $65.00

Bobbie made a motion to approve paying the bills. Elton seconded. Motion passed.

**Director’s Report**

* July Stats
	+ Adults - 291
	+ Kids – 75
	+ Chrome - 1
	+ Computers -59
	+ Reference - 50
	+ 1 on 1 Tech Help – 14
	+ Summer Reading Program – 122
	+ Summer Reading Charts - 48
* Summer Reading Program completed. Very well attended. Reading Logs can still be turned in for the remainder of the summer
* Storytime will begin August 31
* “New to our Library” shelves(YA, Kids, Adults)– up and running and popular
* Library Table at Farmer’s Market – Giveaways and crafts
* Overdue letters are being sent out (it’s a long process)– response mostly positive – we are leaving some space for human error.
* Our library received the Library Excellence Award

**Friends of the Library Report**

* We had lots of help for the book sale, and had a lot of (returning) customers. We brought in $1100, and sold 44 boxes of leftovers for another $88. Betsy sold two mountain goat prints to Katie at the Edith for $450.
* There have been changes in our countywide used bookshelves. Crazy Mountain Inn and Checkerboard Bar are no longer there (Checkerboard could come back once the new owners get up and going). So now, we have shelves at Ringling Bar, Library, Spa and Wild Oats, with donation boxes. We also just set up shelves at The Edith but Katie wanted to do her shelves differently. This one is set up with the agreement that she donates monthly to Friends and we keep it stocked. Books are then free to guests.
* Finally, Rachel and Shannon have identified a need for a rolling bookcase, for seasonal, special topic displays etc. Friends will fund the purchase and Dayle is working with them to make that purchase.

**Unfinished Business and Updates**

* AC is complete! We discussed that this is supposed to be paid for out of the Don Johnston account.
* Automatic doors still in process. The board would like Rachel & Shannon to look for grants to cover the cost of this. The Bair Grant was mentioned as well as asking the Harlo library what grant they received for theirs. Ultimately, it could be paid for out of the depreciation fund, but they would prefer not to do that.
* Budget Discussion – Rachel & Paul met with the commissioners about our proposed budget. The commissioners would like us to come back with another budget that does not exceed the current one by so much. Everyone agreed that we should not go lower than $16/hour for the clerks. Paul suggested $20/hour for the directors and “crunched the numbers” with those wages, adding in the 1.98/hour that the county already plans to increase for all employees, and changing building maintenance expenses to come out of the depreciation fund; thus making the net change only $5000. The board decided to ask for a specific yes or no answer on the first proposal from the commissioners. If it were a no, they would like to ask for $22/hour for the directors instead and use the rest of Paul’s model. Paul updated his model to include the different proposals. He sent it out to the board and it will be attached to this document.. The board feels that the county should be reminded that none of our library employees receive benefits with the current model, which saves the county money. It was also mentioned that this is the first step in a multi-year model to get wages up to be more on par with the rest of the state. Carol made a motion to approve Paul’s proposal. Elton seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business**

* More ceiling plywood was falling (3); one in a spot that was in danger of coming all the way down and causing damage or injuring someone. Fortunately, TJ Paulson was able to come fix them. He said it will likely continue to be an issue because they are only held up by glue and finish nails. He could come staple them all if we want so that it will not continue to be an issue. The board would like to get a quote from him on what it would cost to do the whole ceiling with staples as opposed to screws.
* Baby Changing station possibly needed – The board agreed that this is a need an it should be added to one of the bathrooms.
* Betsy asked about décor for the bathrooms. The board agreed that if the FOL would like to add decorations, that would be great.
* Hand Sanitizer dispenser issue. Discontinued so refills are very expensive. If we purchase the same dispenser as the county, we can get our refills from them. The board suggested we just put it away and use the small bottles already throughout the library.
* Swamp Cooler – We have been asked to donate the swamp cooler to the courthouse for the courtroom. The board wanted to know what the cost of it was. It is currently listed for $391 on Amazon. They decided to give it to the courthouse.

**Date of Next Meeting**

September 13th at 5:30

Elton made a motion to adjourn. Bobbie seconded. Meeting adjourned.