

June 29, 2015

The Harlem Library Board meeting was called to order by Chair Cederberg with members Wasser, Dillon, Taylor, commissioner Kulbeck and librarian Brommer in attendance. Minutes from May 27, 2015 were approved as read. Claims were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly financial report from the Clerk & Recorder's Office for May was made available for board members to review.

Tracy Tangen will replace the light fixture in the entry outside the double doors when he has time.

The two old VHS racks and one old desk chair were given away.

Wasser inquired if our amount of the Community Challenge grant to the Harlem Civic Associations has been used with the purchase of the three tablets. Nearly all of the \$500 remaining was used since the tablets cost \$487.95.

The board asked how the new hours on Thursday were working out. Brommer reported the first Thursday saw an increase in patron traffic, but since then the patron numbers have been about average.

NEW BUSINESS

The Friends of the Library pie and ice cream social fundraiser will be July 22, 7 P.M. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$8.00. A 50/50 raffle will be held. There will be entertainment.

Valerie Van Voast has agreed to complete Jorgenson's three year term on the board. Jorgenson has written a letter of resignation and Van Voast has submitted a letter of interest to the commissioners. Van Voast will begin her term in July, 2015.

The library was randomly selected to receive one quarter of 4-H beef in a drawing from Triangle Communications. The beef will be purchased at the Blaine County Fair. After it is processed it will be donated to the Harlem Food Bank.

The E-Rate funding award for FY '15-16 is \$1,004.47.

The library is planning to begin a Legos Club in the fall. We have set up an account on E-Bay for the funds to be paid from the Memorial Account. Wasser has donated his mileage payments for the last two Pathfinder meetings back to the library. These funds will be used to purchase supplies for the Legos Club. Some Legos have also been donated by a patron.

The library staff will attend trainings in Havre Aug. 12 and 13 on the Montana Shared Catalog. Brommer will ask Brockie and Devaney to volunteer to work at the library.

A cigarette butt receptacle and two "No Smoking" signs have been purchased for the outside entries.

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Summer Reading will conclude with a musical finale presented by Marc Arensmeyer and friends July 30, 1 P.M. Ice cream treats will be served.

The board and director reviewed and revised the Patron Behavior Policy. Brommer will inform the Friends of the Library Executive Council that the Wine and Cheese Festival can no longer be held at the library because it is in violation of county policy. Also no animals, except service animals may be brought into the library.

Commissioner Kulbeck asked for the board to prioritize the projects seeking funding from the county. These projects include:

- ~Repairing the sidewalk in the handicap entrance
- ~Reading room remodel
- ~New shelves (Friends of the Library project)
- ~Increasing the hours open to 31 hours.

He suggested the sidewalk in front of the handicap doorway could be fixed by replacing the cement from the door to the street sloping it to an ADA accessible ramp that would replace the curb. This would hopefully allow the water to run into the street rather than into the doorway, thus preventing flooding in the building. Kulbeck will look into finding funding sources that would be used from infrastructure improvements.

It was decided the first priority would be the remodeling of the reading room so the patron computers could be moved there. This would have to be done before the shelving project since some of the new shelves would go where the computers are now located. The library board and staff would also like to see the library open more hours. Kulbeck stated that not all projects could be done in one year, but he would try to see what he could do.

Shades will be purchased from Harlem Lumber for the south windows, one in the children's section and one in the meeting room.

Cederberg and Brommer signed the Pathfinder Federation Award for FY 2015-2016 that will be sent to the state library. The amount our library will receive is \$1,710.30

Meeting adjourned.

Colleen Brommer, Secretary