

Welcome: Valerie Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting. A sign in sheet was passed around.

Business:

- Dea Nowell called the meeting to order
- Corrections to the minutes- GFPL Foundation raised a nice sum for children's materials and two long-term employees are retiring. Added Jean Harmon as a voting member trustee in attendance.
Steve Kincaid made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, second by Melody Skogley, motion carried unanimously.
- Valerie Frank thanked everyone for getting their annual reports submitted on time so the final report could be submitted to the State Library.
- Brags and Bumbles
 - **Toole County**- Summer Reading went well, really good numbers, they did an escape room, had a good turnout for their 1st annual ice cream social, book store on main open more and making three times more money, Chamber After Hours in April during NLW.
 - **Great Falls**- Kathy Mora is retiring, Susie McIntyre is the Interim Director, down 4 staff due to retirements and relocations, replacing the boiler, delayed Sunday opening until December. MTLib2Go committee is asking for ideas, questions or comment on the cost share formula.
 - **Blaine County**- New Assistant Librarian and Clerk, received Big Sky Reads Grant for book club and reading the top 10 most challenged books of 2017, using a literature circle rather than a regular book club setting, did a Story Walk for SRP and Sugarbeet Festival, no budget cut, getting handicapped accessible bathrooms.
 - **Harlem**-No budget cuts, SRP went well, getting handicapped door, Friends very supportive; purchased metal storage cabinets, lunch and learn webinars this fall, wine and cheese fundraiser Dec 5. Bumble- speed of courier. Amelia Kim requested Colleen ask where the Pathfinder trunks are located. If anyone has one, please let Colleen or Amelia know. Water and Bugs trunks are in Ft Benton.
 - **Liberty County**-Theresa is retiring, coffee bar has had tremendous improvements, Julie Erickson is the new Director and states she is too new to know if there are any brags or bumbles.
 - **Conrad**- Did two SRP and increased circulation by 800-900 a month, they have breakout boxes for preschool to adult, they are replacing the Btop computers, coding club has been big, received a 3 Rivers grant to purchase 3 iPads and 3 coding kits, still dealing with dog lawsuit.
 - **Chouteau County**- Remodeling in Geraldine, started Story Time. Bumble-messed up the budget.
 - **Valier**- Steve got fired and gets to go to Arizona! Library addition is coming along, there is paint on the walls and the carpet will be installed next week. Good SRP, changed Book Club time and doubled participation, kids programs are going good.
 - **Wedsworth**- Bumbling along, SRP person fell through so they didn't have one.

- **Dutton-** Bumble- she was late today. Brag- she has worked 6 months without getting fired. Really appreciates the folks at the state library, she learned a lot at Fall Workshop, Jean has been very helpful.
- **Glacier County-** Significant budget cuts resulted in cutting operating hours and staff hours. Browning got new A/C and carpet repairs. Cut Bank- making things work, they reactivated their makerspace program.
- **Lauren-** Shared a dog calendar from Virginia City; they are a dog friendly library. Announced she would be leaving the State Library at the end of the year.

- Lauren presented Federation 101 refresher.
- Dea discussed Pathfinder Federation Bylaws. The bylaws are supposed to be reviewed every two years and were last reviewed October 2015. Bylaws Committee Carolyn, Heidi, Dea and Melody will work on the bylaws for the next meeting.
- Other Committees are Nominating Committee-Colleen, Brett and Dea and Continuing Ed Committee- Valerie, Sandra and Dea. A new Executive Board, made up of Trustees will be elected at the spring meeting. Positions will be Chair, Vice-Chair and 3 Trustees.
- Discussion about changing Pathfinder meetings to one online meeting and a retreat was presented by Valerie. Continuing Ed committee will discuss this and report at the next meeting.
- State Library Report- Jennie Stapp discussed cost share formula changes, Trust for Montana Libraries and the Public Awareness Campaign: Information Powers Growth, from Banik Communications.
- Great Library Boards Make Great Libraries was the afternoon training presented by Lauren McMullen.
- Next meeting date was set for Thursday May 16, 2019 in Fort Benton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Frank, Federation Coordinator 11/1/2018