

Golden Plains Library Federation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Fort Peck Community College Library – Poplar, MT
Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members:	Sheila Oie	Daniels County Library
	Patricia Knierim	Glasgow City-County Library
	Penny Lind (Proxy)	Phillips County Library
	Pat Henry	Roosevelt County Library
	Mary Anne Fowells	Sheridan County Library

Public Library Directors:

Val Landeraaen	Daniels County Library
Megan Haddix	Glasgow City-County Library
Janeen Brookie	Phillips County Library
Andrea Hayes	Roosevelt County Library
Jonna Underwood	Sheridan County Library

College & School Library:

Anita Scheetz	James E. Shanley Tribal Library
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Guests:

Suzanne Reymmer	Statewide Consulting Librarian
Tracy Cook	Director of Statewide Library Resources
Bruce Newell	Montana State Library Commission

The meeting was called to order by Mary Anne Fowells and there were no additions to the agenda. Federation meeting guests were introduced and the minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting were approved. There was no correspondence to report.

State Librarians report

Tracy Cook reported on the following:

- 1) A new trustee training is in the works at the State Library. Tracy indicated that a short survey would be emailed to library board members by the end of October. The survey hopes to collect information regarding needs and challenges trustees encounter. The results of the survey will be used to create a face-to-face trustee training tentatively set for spring 2019.
- 2) The group was updated on the Cost Share Formula Task force chaired by Statewide Projects Librarian Cara Orban. The purpose of the group is to recommend options or methods for cost allocation that works for libraries as well as State Library administration. Recommendations to be submitted by late fall.
- 3) The Montana State Library public awareness campaign is due to officially launch in October of 2018. The goal is to present a message about libraries and how they can make a difference in the lives of their communities. Included will be videos, toolkits, giveaways and talking points for librarians. There will also be a Facebook page, in hopes of targeting not only library patrons/users, but non-library users as well. Tracy requested that each library provide one human interest impact story and how the library was able to help an individual with a personal goal.
- 4) The paperwork for the library trust non-profit, tentatively titled the Trust for Montana Libraries, will be submitted in early January 2019, making the trust official. Board members are currently being recruited to help with fundraising. Any suggestions or questions, please contact Jenny Stapp.
- 5) Lastly, Tracy noted that Federation checks would be mailed out the first part of October.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheila Cates Basket: Janeen explained to the group the formation of the Sheila Cates Scholarship and fundraising basket project. She reiterated that the theme for the GPLF basket will be a “Birds & Bees” theme. All were in agreement.

MLA conference: Janeen also reminded the group that MLA will be held April 11-13, 2019 in Helena. Suzanne added that many trustees often attend and participate in conference activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Workshops, Billings:

Janeen, Val, Megan and Jonna attended the workshops in mid-September. Attendees shared their thoughts and interesting takeaways from the sessions.

Annual Reports:

Janeen will be going to Helena in early October to present the federation's year-end report to the State Library Commission. The meetings have been changed from twice a year to once a year in the fall.

Miscellaneous:

- Bruce Newell asked attendees to think on the question: Would an increase in funding change our current methods of providing library services and if so, in what ways?
- Anita requested that a note be included in Janeen's annual report to the commission that she is appreciative of the Federation including her in our funding, even though it's not required.
- The Ready2Read Goes Wild trunks are now at the following libraries:
 - Bear – Sheridan County Library
 - Water – Glasgow Library
 - Tracks – Phillips County
 - Bugs – Daniels County
 - Deer – Roosevelt County

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. and a tour of the FPCC Library was then taken.

The next meeting date is tentatively set for April 18, 2019, in Wolf Point, depending on when the Plan of Service materials are received from the State Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonna Underwood