

**NORTH LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Clint Hoxie, Brooke Wegner, Holly Wurl

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Allen Bone, Maggie Newman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Abbi Dooley, Mallory Witham, Cindy Willis

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Clint Hoxie at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget:** No public comment.

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Brooke moved and Holly seconded the *motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, July 26, 2022 as written.* **The motion passed unanimously.**

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT:** Abbi reported that the book sale is set for August 26 & 27 and the Friends are selling raffle tickets for an Amish quilt. This will be the last sale at the library before the renovation. They may find another site if they decide to run another book sale prior to its completion. Abbi also reported that the Friends are planning to give the library money toward new laptops (for both staff and public use). Abbi also stated that the Great Falls Public Library has an overabundance of a Charlie Russel Christmas print. The posters sell for a suggested price of \$15 and the library keeps \$5 of that as a fundraiser. The remaining \$10 is split between the Great Falls Library Foundation and the State Library Foundation.

**FOUNDATION REPORT:** Cindy Willis reported that the Foundation event on Wednesday night was a huge success, with \$15,000 raised after expenses. Author Mark Sullivan and a subject in "The Last Green Valley," Bill Martel, were fantastic speakers. There were approximately 150 people in attendance. Cindy reported on other projects the Foundation is working on including a strategic planning session and a new bequest brochure to hand out to law offices around town. They hope to do a large fundraising event each year. One of their board members is moving, so they are looking for a new member. Cindy left the meeting after her report.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Library Programs & Outreach:**

**Tech Programs:** August 23 at 2 p.m. was Learn How to Start a Website with 2 attendees. September 27 at 2 p.m. is Intro to Montana Memory Project.

**Summer Reading Program:** Abbi reported that there were a total of 810 registrants this year who read 609,446 minutes! Staff gave out 2,074 coupon incentives and small prizes. There were 77 people at the Tribal Waves performance in the park. There were approximately 100 people for movie day at the Showboat and another 100 at the ice cream social.

**First Friday Music in the Library:** The Flute Quartet performed August 5 with about 19 people sitting to listen. Debbie Conrad will play her harp in the atrium on Friday, September 2 at 3:30 p.m.

**Painting Program:** Lizzy's second painting program on August 16 had 6 participants. She has been asked to do more of these types of programs by patrons.

Montana Ties to the Titanic: This virtual program was Monday, August 22 at 6 p.m. There was also a watch party in the library with three attendees and Angela. There were three attendees from Polson on Zoom, for a total of 6 attendees. Abbi noted that the Montana State Library is hosting these virtual programs as a way to help libraries meet the new public library standard for virtual programming which went into effect on July 1.

Story Time: This program for preschool children returns on Thursday mornings at 9:15 a.m. starting September 1.

LEGO Let's Build Together: This program is geared for children 6 and up and will be held after school on Friday, September 9 at 3:30 p.m.

GNP Animal Olympics: Glacier National Park's Education Specialist will present a family-friendly program entitled "Animal Olympics" on Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m. in Sacajawea Park (weather permitting).

Craft Program: Sierra will be hosting Make Your Own Cross-stitch Bookmark on Friday, September 23 at 11 a.m.

Maker Space returns with special programs: Monday, September 26 features Robots Dot & Dash for ages 6 and up. Maker Space will be special programs throughout renovation and then will be offered on a regular basis.

#### **Continuing Education/Meetings:**

MLA/PNLA/MPLA Tri-Conference: Lizzy, Sierra, Angela and Abbi attended and provided written reports on the conference. Overall everyone learned something new to apply at the library.

Public Service Academy: Mallory & Abbi provided written reports for this two-day event hosted by the University of Montana. Both commented that this was one of the best trainings they have ever attended.

ABC Clinic: Abbi will attend this HR/Payroll class put on by the State and Job Service on Wednesday, August 14 in Polson.

#### **Library Closure Dates:**

Labor Day: The library will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS:**

##### **Financial:**

July 2022 Financial Report: Brooke moved and Holly seconded the *motion to accept the July 2022 Financial Report as presented*. **The motion passed unanimously.**

##### **Unfinished Business:**

Additional Closure Date for 2022 Requested: As the attending members were the same as the July meeting, Clint asked Holly if her thoughts had changed on this topic. Holly replied that they had not. No motion was brought forth.

##### **New Business:**

Monthly Statistics Report: There was no discussion nor comment.

Adopt FY2023 Budget: Brooke made the *motion to adopt the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget through Resolution No. 2023-03 and send a letter requesting 11.14 mills in funding to the Lake County Clerk and Recorder*. Holly stated that she will abstain. Her response when Clint asked why she would not vote on the budget was that she had questions about the budget, that those were answered, but that she does not have good feelings about the budget discussion. Clint seconded the motion. **The budget passed with a majority of the quorum and one abstention.**

**FOR:** Clint Hoxie, Brooke Wegner

**ABSTAIN:** Holly Wurl

**Building Committee Report:** Abbi reported that the committee met with the architects last week and at this point it is just small details that are being worked out. The plan is to still try to get a GCCM this fall.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Holly asked what the feedback has been from patrons on the genrefication of adult fiction. Abbi responded that there were mixed reviews in the beginning, but they have received many positive comments this summer. The comment box is on the front counter and she is still gathering feedback. Clint asked what the advantage is for the staff. Abbi responded that the biggest benefit is for reader's advisory, when librarians help patrons find books similar to other authors or books they've read.
- Holly noted that there are funds in the budget for rebranding and asked who will decide on a name change, if there is one. Abbi responded that the Trustees would vote on any name change. Abbi stated that the library will not be hiring anyone to do the rebranding; that the library has the software and staff to complete this project in-house. Clint suggested getting this done and to the board sooner rather than later. Abbi agreed that it is a high priority for her. She explained that the ideal solution for a name change would be to add a DBA (doing business as) rather than a legal name change. It would be a much simpler process.
- Holly asked how tech support figures were listed on the infographic. Abbi explained that they were not. The session figures are individual's use of things like the public computers and Wi-Fi. Holly also asked if the library tracks attendance for non-library use of the meeting room. Abbi responded that they do.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the North Lake County Public Library District Board of Trustees is Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Abigail J. Dooley*  
Abbi Dooley, Director