Plains Public Library Boad of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
6:00pm, April 29, 2025 @ Plains Public Library

Present: Myra Lindborg (Chair), Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair), Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative), Nate Stropko, Sophie Fisher.

Also present: Nikki Ericksen (Director)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The minutes for March 25 were reviewed. Greg moved to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed. Brandon moved to accept the financial reports. All in favor. Motion passed.

Claims: Claims were reviewed

Budget: Budget was reviewed. Nikki will be meeting with Alisa Garcia (County Treasurer and Jessica Connoly (County CFO) on May 1st. She hopes to iron out some lingering questions she has about the budget once it is turned in to the county in hopes of avoiding problems that we had last year. She also hopes to get a better sense of what the projected revenues will be for the coming year. Budget will be added to May agenda.

Board Training: Board training was discussed. It was decided to try to still have the usual 3-hour board training done by the consulting librarian from Montana State Library over the summer if that is available. If it is not, Nikki will provide 30-minute presentations/discussions before each meeting to meet the requirement.

Strategic Planning: Given the uncertainty of funding for the following year and the MSL's ability to facilitate our meeting, as well as the general uncertainty of the political and economic climate, it was decided to put off this community planning event for now. This will also give the library a chance to develop a Friends of the Library organization and revitalize the Plains Library Foundation group. Both of these groups will be very helpful with the process. This will be reflected in the new strategic plan.

Director's Report: Nikki updated the board on events at Tamarack Federation Retreat on topics like parliamentary procedures and structuring a working relationship between Friends groups, foundations and library board.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Meeting was scheduled for May 27th at 6:00pm at the library.

Sophia Fisher

Brandon Wilson

Greg Sanders