**Spring 2021 Pathfinder Meeting**

**Zoom**

**May 20, 2021**

**Roll Call**

* Belt Public Library- Gladys Rayhill, Sally Miller
* Blaine County Library- Valerie Frank, Patty Hall
* Choteau/Teton Library- Della VanSetten, Karen Ferris
* Chouteau County Library- Janet Worrall
* Conrad Public Library- Carolyn Donath, Lacie Vermulum
* Dutton/Teton Library- Jean Harmon
* Fairfield/Teton Library- Ages Kolste
* Glacier County Library- Austin Castle, Crystal Evans
* Great Falls Public Library- Susie McIntyre, Whitney Olson
* Harlem Public Library- Colleen Brommer, Valerie VanVoast
* Havre-Hill County Library- Rachel Rawn, DoloresNoffsinger
* Liberty County Library- Julie Erickson, Belinda Hawks
* Toole County Library- Heidi Alford, Peggy Tobin, Emily McDermitt
* Valier Public Library- Cathy Brandvold, Janelle Holden
* Wedsworth Memorial Library- Nancy Royan, Melody Skogley
* Montana State Library- Tracy Cook, Cara Orban
* State Library Commission- Connie Behe

Patty Hall called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**Fall 2020 Meeting Minutes**- Valerie VanVoast made a motion to accept the Fall 2020 minutes as submitted. Melody Skogley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Joys & Concerns**

**Blaine County Library**

Joys: Happy we were able to do children’s programs since September, including outreach to the local daycares, busy summer program scheduled, Trustee training through United for Libraries. Concerns: Budget and possible cuts

**Choteau/Teton Library**

Joys: grants to update seating in children’s area, computer in children’s area loaded with ABC Mouse, Summer Reading, able to be opened more, Friends are paying for remodeling and painting, Bear Trunk program successful, presenting summer camps at school, outdoor garden area shared with next door business including benches and mural provided by Friends

**Conrad Public Library**

Joys: one of the libraries piloting Star Linked satellite internet to increase speed, new blinds, Town Pump grant, new doors

**Fairfield/Teton Public Library**

Friends have memorial money for new addition, the interior remodel of library completed so ramp is ADA compliant.

**Great Falls Public Library**

Joys: The NEW Bookmobile is here and on the road! Great Falls Public Library won the Montana Library Association program of the year for Rae McFadden's bilingual Story Time! Concern: We are struggling to transition back to full services. We will move to starting to recommend rather than require masks on May 25th. We are also going to bring volunteers back into the library so that we can expand to more hours. Staff are both excited and concerned about the changes.

**Harlem Public Library**

Joys: $1000 Keep Kids Reading Grant from Town Pump for summer reading, ELSA Award, Assistant Carly Vauthier co-facilitated the Story Time cohort with the State Library, Director Brommer completed the Montana Libraries SPARK Entrepreneurship Coaching training, we rearranged the furniture in the children’s area, Trustees training through United for Libraries – Short Take for Trustees videos and Tracy Cook will do a live online training with the board covering the state library and its website in June, The library has received many donations to support summer reading: 21st Century Grant from the school, Aaniiih Nakoda College, Friends of the Library, Harlem Civic Association and Richman Insurance. Concerns: Budget (as always), Uncertainty of when we can do in-person programs again

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Joys: opening to in person service, summer reading, Town Pump grant Concerns: getting elevator working

**Toole County Library**

Joys: Getting 3 Rivers grant of $10,000.00 (Purchased computers), Getting Town Pump grant of $1000.00 at both libraries for summer reading program, Friends of the Library paying to fix blinds and purchasing 2 new chairs, Starting up the children's programs again (story time, summer reading, etc.), able to hire a part-time employee to work Saturdays and evenings, budget looks good, library renovations. Concerns: Hoping in the fall we can all meet again.

**Wedsworth Memorial Library**

Joy that our patrons are slowly coming back in, have volunteer help for the Summer Reading Program, Town Pump grant, Day Care coming for story Hour, Starlink Pilot Program participant. Concern is that the plan for Summer Reading might fall through. We are doing okay overall though.

**Meeting Absenteeism-** Karen Ferris made a motion to excuse absenteeism at the Pathfinder meetings due to the Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020. Belinda Hawks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Federation Expense Reporting-** Tracy Cook, MSL consultant, explained the Federation Expense Reporting for FY21 using ASPEN. Funds must be spent by June 30, 2021. Last year’s expenses can be found at https://about.msl.mt.gov/publications/federation\_reports.

**FY22 Plan of Service-** Frank reported on the FY’22 Plan of Service

# Budget Summary

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| Program 0 – Administrative Expenses | $1,372.04 |
| Program 1 – Annual Meetings | $500.00 |
| Total amount that will be granted to individual libraries | $33,029.78 |
| Total expenditures | $34,901.82 |

Each library will receive $2,359.27

The excess funds not used last year were donated to MontanaLibrary2Go.

Peggy Tobin made a motion to accept the FY’22 Plan of Service. Agnes Kolste seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Executive Committee Elections**

**Executive Committee** -**Elected at the Spring Meeting in odd years: 2 Year terms**

**2021-2023**

Patty Hall- Chair

Meoldy Skogley- Vice Chair

Sam DeForrest- Member

Jean Harmon- Member

Janet Worrall- Member

**By-Laws Committee**

Colleen Brommer

Heidi Alford

Melody Skogley

Janet Worrall

**CE Committee**

Patty Hall

Valerie Frank

Sandra Larson

**Nominating Committee**

Colleen Brommer

Nancy Royan

**Public Library Standards-** Tracy Cook, MSL consultant, gave information on the new public library standards. The State Library Commission will meet June 9. The standards revisions will be presented for the administrative rules process and be opened for public comment. A discussion was held concerning the wording ‘everyone’ in the document and the difficulty of achieving that goal as it is vague and hard to measure. Tracy pointed out the document is meant to be ‘people centric’ and not ‘library centric.’ She will present these thoughts to the commission. Copy available at: <https://docs.msl.mt.gov/librariesweb/documents/Standards/DRAFTApril2021EssentialStandardsARMfinal.pdf>

**State Library Report-** Cara Orban, MSL, gave highlights from the state library report.

~Montana Library Network

~Montana Memory Project

~Montana Shared Catalog

~Statewide Projects

~Continuing Education

~Ready 2 Read Overview

**Fall 2021 Meeting-** Pathfinder meeting will be Thursday, October 28th in Fort Benton. There was a scheduling conflict with the Women’s Club on October 14th. There were comments about having a hybrid meeting if technology allows.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Frank, Federation Coordinator