

## **South Central Federation Fall 2023 Meeting – September 30, 2023**

Laurel Public Library and online

### **Present:**

Big Horn County Library – Ray Dale, director

Billings Public Library – Gavin Woltjer, director

Bridger Public Library – Carrie Langendorff, assistant

Carnegie Public Library – Jacque Scott, director; Peter Fox, trustee

Dorothy Asbjornson Community Library – Brenda Baker, director; Amy Arthur, trustee

Harlowton Public Library – Tina Peterson, director; Lori Elliot, assistant

Joliet Public Library – Morgan McQuillen, director; Pat Bischoff, trustee

Judith Basin County Free Library – Jeanne Lillegard, director; Sue Davis, Vicky McCray, trustees

Laurel Public Library – Nancy Schmidt, director; Arthur Vogel, Kate Manley, trustees

Petroleum County School-Community Library – Kathleen Johnson, Phyllis Arthur, trustees

Red Lodge Carnegie Library – Jodie Moore, director

Rosebud County Library – Yvonne Redding, director

Roundup School-Community – Darcy Dutton, Anita Burch, trustees

Stillwater County Library – Lynda Grande, Kathleen Ralph, trustees

Montana State Library – Jennie Stapp, state librarian; Pam Henley, consulting librarian; Amelea Kim, Lifelong Learning librarian

### **Online:**

Denton Public Library – Laura Stainbrook, director

Lewistown Public Library – Alissa Wolenetz, director

Moore Memorial Library – Denise Brottem, director, with a trustee (didn't get the name)

Rosebud County-Bicentennial Library – Amy Fulton, trustee

**Chair Lynda Grande called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

**Minutes** were amended to include Jodie Moore from Red Lodge as attending, and revise Carrie Langendorff as Assistant (not director). **Action:** Kathleen Johnson (Petroleum County) moved to accept as amended, Arthur Vogel (Laurel) seconded, motion passed.

**Vice-chair:** no one volunteered to take this position, Nancy Schmidt and Lynda Grande will work on recruiting

**State Library report:** Jennie Stapp delivered highlights (*full report will be included with these minutes*). The Public Library statistics survey will be using new software this year; the Montana History Portal has added new collections and developed several Adventure Labs tours where people can explore an area and compare historical photos to current locations; virtual programs have been very popular with more planned for the coming fall and winter; Billings School District and Harlowton Public Library have joined the Montana Shared Catalog; funding for the hot spot program will continue for 2 more years.

**Federation Task Force:** the task force will continue their work through the spring

**Library Tour Project:** Amelea reported she and Melody Karle don't have the time to work on this project (where people could find information on unique collections or other items of interest at Montana's public libraries) but libraries could develop something (individually or as a federation).

Amelea also reported an update on virtual programming registrations. The question is asked about "how did people hear about the program?" and the most popular source is local non-social media, such as local library news articles.

**Federation Report:** libraries need to complete their reporting of spending federation funds (only 3 remain incomplete). Laurel Public Library is running out of space to keep the book kits and will need to delete some. It was suggested to create a Collection Development Policy: Gavin Woltjer, Kathleen Ralph and Alissa Wolenetz will work on this. **Action:** Alissa moved to authorize this committee to develop a list of kits to discard, Arthur Vogel seconded, and the motion passed.

**Golden Valley County funds: Action:** after some discussion, Darcy Dutton moved to keep the present split of funds (75% to Roundup, 25% to Harlowton), Arthur Vogel seconded, and the motion passed.

**Plan of Service:** Because the plan of service is voted on at the spring meeting people don't often have a chance to consider new ideas or suggest changes. A committee was formed (Jacque Scott, Peter Fox, Kate Manley) to develop suggestions for the federation plan of service for discussion next spring before finalizing. These can be sent out prior to the meeting.

**Bylaws review:** this will wait for the Spring meeting, after the Federation Task Force has continued their work, although at this time there doesn't seem to be any indication of action from the task force that would affect these bylaws.

**Spring meeting:** Billings Public Library, April 6, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Afternoon training was provided by LaDawn Whiteside with AARP Montana and is available on the MSL YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKUj7M0HfY8>