

# **Tamarack Federation**

## **Fall Online Meeting**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6 p.m. via Zoom**

Chair Heidi Roedel opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

### Attendance: (\*voting trustee)

Bitterroot Public Library - \*Carmela Bowns, Mark Wetherington  
Darby Community Public Library - \*Sandra Burner, Stacie Rennaker  
Imaginelf - \*Heidi Roedel, David Ingram, Ashley Cummins  
Lincoln County Libraries – \*Barb Hvizdak, Alyssa Ramirez  
Mineral County Public Library - \*Diane Magone, Brenda Schneider, Guna Chaberek  
Missoula Public Library - \*Julie Edwards  
North Lake County Public Library District - \*Valerie Rogers, Abbi Dooley  
North Valley Public Library – \*Caitlin Dunn, Denise Ard  
Plains Public Library District - \*Tiffany Ayers, Nikki Ericksen  
Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library - \*Rube Wrightsman, Starla Rice  
Ronan Library District – \*Elijah Carey, Michelle Fenger  
St. Ignatius School-Community Library - Amanda Richter  
Thompson Falls Public Library - \*Kelly Wheeler, Crystal Buchanan  
Whitefish Community Library - \*Deb Bond, Jessica Tubbs  
Montana State Library - Tracy Cook, Federation Consultant  
Montana State Library Commission - Peggy Taylor, Commissioner and Federation Task Force Member

### Minutes:

- Minutes from Spring 2023 Meeting: Deb Bond moved and David Ingram seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

### Unfinished Business:

- Library Tour Project – Tracy reported that Amelea Kim, who was spearheading this project, is leaving the Montana State Library so the program has been put on hold. The Montana State Library would be happy to help if anyone else is interested in taking it on.

### New Business:

- State Library Report - Tracy Cook provided the State Library Report. Alyssa Ramirez asked what the timeframe is for completing the salary study. Tracy responded there is no timeframe yet, but likely next year. Tracy noted there will be new software for submitting Public Library Statistics this fall. She gave an update on the State Library Commission and noted that the

Federation coordinators presented to the State Library Commission on October 11. Feedback was positive from the Commission and they had many questions for the coordinators. Tracy reported that Tribal college libraries who have been serving the public and meet the Public Library Standards are now eligible for per capita. Tracy reminded everyone that MSL Learn is available as a continuing education tool. There is a wide range of courses for staff and trustees.

- Coordinator's Report - Abbi provided an update and a reminder that expenses entered should total funds received to the penny. You may spend more on an item, but you should report the amount used with Federation funds.
- Training ideas for Spring 2024 retreat - Attendees listed several ideas that will be incorporated into the spring retreat or future retreats.

#### Other Business

#### Spring Retreat & Meeting 2024

- The Spring Retreat will be held Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at North Lake County Public Library in Polson.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abbi Dooley, Federation Coordinator