

B. Responses to Brooks Brann inquiries from 3-24-11

Each of the items brought to the Board at the March meeting was addressed:

- Computer use limits—Finsel explained that though the system is not perfect, it is fair and equitable. One hour per day on the computer per customer is all that we can offer at this time.
- Men’s Bathroom—Marr reported that graffiti is removed as soon as we are aware of it and the janitor has confirmed that any stains on the wall are from old wax, not bodily fluids.
- Noise Level—Finsel reported that we do ask customers to keep their voice down if it is bothering others.
- *Anarchist Cookbook*—Crowley reported that the title in question falls within our collection guidelines and was actually purchased at the request of a customer. Crowley gave Brann a “Materials Reconsideration Form.”

C. Director’s Report – Crowley

1. Kim Crowley and Martha Furman attended the Montana Library Association meeting in Billings. Furman presented a program on “Anime and Manga Fever: Library Collections and Programs for Teens” which was excellent. Feedback was uniformly positive and Crowley added that it was one of the best presentations at conference.

2. Statistics –

Checkouts and building traffic are down a little this month systemwide compared to March 2010. Numbers are leveling off after 5 years of steady increases. Use of downloadable audio books and eBooks continue to increase; FCLS ranks second in the state in the use of eBooks and first in the state in download to mobile devices.

3. 2012 Budget update

Crowley and Marr met with the County Administrator, Finance Director and Finance Technician to go over the proposed 2012 Budget. After review the County Administrator suggested we reduce the budget by another \$10,000 in light of reduced revenue, which Crowley took out of the materials budget. The Commissioners have also reviewed the budget with the one and had no questions.

Board recessed at 10:30 am

Lopp reconvened the meeting at 10:45 am

4. Whitefish Relocation process

Rishara Finsel reported that the relocation is going smoothly and that a FAQ section has been added to the library website. Crowley addressed the recent

letters that have appeared in the local papers and reviewed the library process regarding weeding. Lopp suggested a letter to the editor from the Library Board presenting the facts regarding the Whitefish relocation be considered.

D. Whitefish Branch Committee Report – Leistiko

Leistiko reported on the meeting of April 12th with the City of Whitefish Representatives and the Flathead County Library System Whitefish Relocation Ad Hoc Committee (Connie Leistiko, Laura Long, Kim Crowley, and Rishara Finsel). Leistiko said that the Whitefish representatives want “more” and object to a 6-18 closing date. Leistiko said that the 2001 contract is the contract in place and FCLS Board has been reasonable but is not willing to leave materials needed in the FCLS. The next meeting had been scheduled for April 26th but was cancelled by the City Manager on behalf of the Whitefish representatives. Crowley reported that City of Whitefish representatives had scheduled a meeting with the County Commissioners on Monday, May 2nd.

E. Other reports –

Lopp reported she had responded to a phone inquiry from Evelyn Johnson regarding the FCLS Volunteer policy. (Response attached.)

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Edit meeting room policy to delete “Whitefish Branch” from language - (ACTION)

MOVED BY L LONG, “that the Board adopts the Meeting Room Policy #4004 as amended.”
SECONDED BY E WEAVER **CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Director’s Performance Appraisal (ACTION)

Board Chair Lopp asked Director Kim Crowley if she wished to have her performance appraisal discussed in an open or closed session. At the request of the Director, Lopp closed the meeting and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:30 am.

Lopp re-opened at 12:25 pm in order for all board members present to participate in an action regarding the Director’s performance appraisal.

MOVED BY L LONG, “to accept the Director’s performance appraisal as presented and commend Crowley for her fine work.”
SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO **CARRIED**

Weaver left the meeting to attend a previously scheduled work appointment and Lopp closed the meeting to continue discussion of the Director's performance.

Lopp re-opened the meeting at 12:46 pm.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Upcoming Events:

Tamarack Federation Meeting, April 29 – 30th, Marina Cay, Bigfork

The Chair asked if there were any more items to come before the Board. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 26, 2011, 9:00 am, Main Library Kalispell