



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Flathead County Library System does hereby congratulate Laura Long on her distinguished service to the Flathead County Library System and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation for that service and offers its best wishes for her future.

At this time the Board took a short recess to have a photo taken for the website. The meeting reconvened at 9:17 am.

**OPEN TIME FOR PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Bernadette Kimler, from Columbia Falls, said she was observing and would speak at a later meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board Meeting, Thursday, June 23, 2011 (ACTION)**

MOVED BY C LEISTIKO, “that the minutes from the regular meeting on June 23, 2011, be approved as presented.”

SECONDED BY E WEAVER

**CARRIED**

It is noted that Al Logan abstained from the vote since he wasn't a Board member on June 23, 2011.

**REPORTS:**

**A. Financial Report – Marr**

1. The year-end financial report is still preliminary until all entries have been made by the Finance Dept.
2. Revenues collected year to date are higher than the same period last year.
3. The bottom of page 2 of the financial report shows salary savings and accumulated sick and vacation payouts.

MOVED BY A LOGAN, “to accept the Preliminary Financial Report for the month of June 2011.”

SECONDED BY M MORTON

**CARRIED**

**B. Director's Report – Crowley**

**1. Year-end Statistics -**

Rishara Finsel presented the new format for the statistical reports that is more in line with the Strategic Plan Goals. The new format will show progress towards the strategic planning goals, rather than looking back to past year comparisons. For FY11 numbers are down slightly for checkouts and building traffic. Computer use is down due to the increasing use of laptops on WiFi. Brett is currently setting up routers to track the number of WiFi uses.

**2. Closure of Whitefish Branch –**

Rishara Finsel was commended for her excellent leadership in completing the Whitefish relocation project. The Whitefish Branch was closed to the public on June 18, 2011. Approximately 21,000 items were left at the new Whitefish Community Library and coded as either “donation” or “temp-title” while approximately 6,000 were relocated to other FCLS facilities. Staff members are still working on approximately 1700 items that have yet to be evaluated. The County is in receipt of a check from the City of Whitefish for \$14,900.

3. Megan Glidden has received a SWIM Scholarship to pursue a master’s degree in library and information science through the University of North Texas’ distance program.
4. Crowley read a letter from local western author, Carol Buchanan, praising the efforts of Marilyn Campbell and Tony Edmundson for their help with research for her writings.
5. Martha Furman has accepted the position of Youth Services Librarian which combines children’s and teen services.
6. Crowley and Finsel attended the Columbia Falls Library Association meeting. Crowley announced plans to hold a public meeting in Columbia Falls as the first of several community informational meetings throughout the valley.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Judge’s hearing order –**

Michael Morton read the “ORDER DISMISSING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS AND DENYING PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION” in its entirety.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Sanders County Contract – ACTION**

MOVED BY M MORTON, “to approve the contract with Sanders County in the amount of \$6,000.00 for FY12.”

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

**CARRIED**

**B. Mediation authorization – ACTION**

MOVED BY A LOGAN, “to authorize the Board to proceed with the mediation process”.

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

**CARRIED**

Chair Lopp appointed Leistikio and Morton to serve on the Ad Hoc Legal Committee. Deputy County Attorney, Tara Fugina is representing the Flathead County Library Board.

**C. Election of Officers – (Action)**

MOVED BY C LEISTIKO, “that the election of new officers be postponed until the September, 2011 meeting to allow for continuity until the issues with the Whitefish Community Library are resolved.”

SECONDED M MORTON

**CARRIED**

**D. Committee Assignments – (Action)**

1. New committee assignments will be postponed until the elections of officers are held.
2. Chair Lopp appointed Logan to replace Laura Long on the Finance/Budget Committee, the Personnel Committee and the Tamarack Federation until the new appointments are made.
3. Chair Lopp asked Weaver to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to plan the community meeting in Columbia Falls. Logan was asked to be on a similar committee for a community meeting in Bigfork.

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

**Meeting schedule for FY-2012**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** August 25, 2011, 9:00 am, Main Library Kalispell