

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
22 FEBRUARY 2016**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Library's Large Meeting Room by Vice-President William Pate. Board Members Doug Glynn, Dorothy Willcoxon, Chuck Parker, Bobbi Myers, and Ellen Eastman, and Library Director Jacque Gage were present.

Excused absences: Courtney Dermott, Jill LaGasse, and David Layne.

BOARD EDUCATION: Jacque demonstrated use of the construction-site camera.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular January 2016 meeting were approved as issued. (Myers/Parker) 6/0

EXPENDITURES: January non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$12,399.46 were approved. (Willcoxon/Myers) 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Joplin Museum Complex request for endorsement.** The Joplin Museum Complex Board of Directors has asked the Library Board to endorse the museum moving into the current Library building when it is vacated. The Library Board discussed the matter. Motion by Eastman that the Library Board remain neutral on but not opposed to the matter, second by Willcoxon, motion passed. 6/0 Bill Pate will notify the President of the museum Board of Directors.
- **Naming rights.** A letter to the Titus Foundation isn't ready yet. Jacque will write one and fill out the application in the next couple of weeks so that it can be submitted in time for the second quarterly meeting. Motion by Willcoxon that Jacque Gage will prepare a packet to send and will send the packet to the Board for approval, second by Glynn, motion passed. 6/0

NEW BUSINESS: Patron-ban policy. Jacque distributed a copy of the current policy, which states that the Library Director or his/her designee has authority to ban patrons. She feels the policy is too broad, as there is nothing detailing the process by which varying ban levels occur. There is also nothing in the current policy detailing how a person might have privileges reinstated. Jacque requested that Board members study the policy so that the matter can be addressed at the April Board meeting.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

- Staffing

- Jeana Gockley's replacement has been hired. Tammie Benham of Pittsburg, Kansas, has been hired as the new Children's Librarian and will begin Wednesday. She has a Master's in Early Childhood Special Education and a Master's in Library Science.
 - Chelsey Gatewood from the Children's Department has resigned effective 2/27 to take a job with the Carl Junction school district.
 - Chelsey's position will become a full-time one, held by Allie Jones.
 - Stephanie Cope has returned to the Circulation Department. Her floater hours will be applied to the full-time Children's position.
 - A temporary Children's assistant will be hired as a grant-funded Summer Reading Program employee.
 - Gideon Horn, a Library Page, has resigned to take a full-time job at Leggett and Platt. His position has been filled.
 - Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow wrote a letter of commendation regarding Stephanie that will go in her personnel folder.
- Attended Library Advocacy Day to lobby the legislators. The House General Appropriations Committee restored funding to 2015 levels.
 - Toured the old Carnegie Library building. Jill Sullivan, director of the Post Art Library, took many pictures.
 - The City Manager's update to City Council mentioned that the library project is a month ahead of schedule.
 - Asked to be an ALA Councilor, a national position, but turned down the opportunity.
 - Jim Stuffelbeam of Sapp Design Associates asked Jacque to attend ALA in Orlando to participate in a presentation that SDA and OPN hope to make.
 - The EDA grant will not cover the book box partnership with NALA, so capital improvement funds would have to be used. The EDA grant also has said it won't cover a sculpture or other public art outside the library.

Statistics: Use of electronic resources continues to climb.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Written by

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Approved by

Library Director

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 18 April, in the Large Meeting Room of the Library.