

**LIBRARY MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
19 JUNE 2017**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Library by President William Pate. Board Members Bobbi Myers, Doug Glynn, Nicole Shoaf, Mary Gaarder, and Lisa Erickson, and Library Director Jacque Gage were present.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Dorothy Willcoxon, Amy Koeshall, and David Layne.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the regular May 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.  
**(Gaarder/Shoaf) 5/0**

**EXPENDITURES:** May non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$88,120.27 were approved.  
**(Glynn/Shoaf) 5/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Insurance for new building.** Beimdiek is the Library's insurance agency. The City has also taken out insurance on the property, which means the Library is now double insured. However, the City has failed to include the collection in its policy. Without the collection coverage, there is a \$10,000 difference between the City's policy and Cincinnati's proposed policy.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Employee smoking area.** The Library has always been a no-smoking property. However, employees have asked where they may smoke (such as their cars or the sidewalk). There will be no-smoking signs posted, and Jacque will purchase at least two cigarette disposal urns. The Board recommended maintaining the current policy.
2. **Meeting room fees.** Jacque presented a spreadsheet of different meeting room fees. She proposes setting \$50/half day and \$100/full day for the smaller rooms. For the community room, she proposes \$300/full day for half the room, and \$600/full day for the entire room, or \$150/half day for half the room, and \$300/half day for the entire room. Motion by Shoaf enabling Jacque to use the proposed fees for meeting rooms. Second by Glynn. Motion passed. **5/0**
3. **Art policy.** Post Art Librarian Jill Sullivan presented. A work of art in the current exhibit has been challenged; it has been removed temporarily. The arts committee agrees that there needs to be a policy in regards to when artwork is challenged. The next step would be to write a policy and create an objection form. Motion by Gaarder to put the artwork back up with an artist's statement, with plans to write a policy for

approval at the July Board meeting. Motion withdrawn. Motion by Gaarder that the artwork remain down until a policy can be written and approved. Motion withdrawn. Motion by Gaarder to support the Post Board decision regarding the policy and this particular piece of art. Second by Erickson. Motion passed. (5/0)

**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT:**

**Announcements:**

- The Library auction was June 10. It raised a little over \$18,000, of which the Library garnered about \$14,000-\$15,000.
- There is a disgruntled computer lab patron who might appear before the Board next month.

Shoaf exited the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

**Statistics:** From 30-June 19, compared with 2016, circulation is up about 37%, and new cards are up 200%.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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Administrative Assistant

Approved by

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Library Director

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 17 July, in Conference Room 1 of the Library.