

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
21 MAY 2018**

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 Board President William Pate. Board Members William Pate, Doug Glynn, Dorothy Willcoxon, Mary Gaarder, Nicole Shoaf, Lisa Erickson, and Barbara Hicklin, and Library Director Jacque Gage were present. Technical Services Librarian Leslie Hayes was also present, as was Circulation Supervisor Linda Cannon later in the meeting.

Excused Absences: David Layne and Amy Koeshall.

BOARD EDUCATION: Leslie Hayes presented information about a programming collaboration between the Post Art Library and Joplin Public Library: an adult ukulele class. All three class sessions filled, with waiting lists, before posters could even be displayed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular May 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.
(Erickson/Hicklin) 6/0

EXPENDITURES: May non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$42,391.98 were approved.
(Willcoxon/Shoaf) 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Review of Wells Fargo investment statements.** Tabled until next month so that Treasurer David Layne could be present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fines policy.** Linda Cannon proposes that the Library eliminate fines by waiving existing fines and not charging fines in the future. Fines make up a very small portion of Library revenues and it would be a gesture of good will. President Pate proposed that the Board review the elimination of fines at next month's meeting.
2. **Board conflict of interest policy.** Motion by Willcoxon, second by Glynn to continue the current conflict of interest policy. Motion passed. **(6/0)**
3. **Rescheduling the September meeting.** Jacque will be unavailable for the regularly scheduled September Board meeting. Motion by Gaarder, second by Glynn to move the September meeting from Sept. 17 to Sept. 24. Motion passed. **(6/0)**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

- There have been problems with weekend mail delivery and pick-up. Jacque thinks a solution might have been reached.
- Having trouble with the Polaris server. Writing a technology grant to cover 75% of the replacement cost. Total replacement will be around \$24,000.
- Writing a grant to bring in a speaker for Staff Training Day on Nov. 12. Ryan Dowd, author of ALA's book on dealing with the homeless, would be the presenter. Would be making this training open to regional libraries as well.
- Door counter has to be replaced again, as something was programmed something incorrectly. Been lacking a true gate count since it was switched out.
- Attended three meetings in St. Louis June 5-7: Directors of Medium Libraries (of which Jacque is now the facilitator), MoLib2Go, and MPLD.
- July 19 the Library will be hosting around 15 volunteers from KCUMB. That evening two Library employees will have a table at KCUMB's "Welcome to Joplin" evening.
- There is \$2,230 in the Ned Chase Memorial Fund to date.
- Problems with the irrigation system in the form of leaks. Weed Whackers is on it.
- Still waiting on the shroud for the drive-up book return.

Statistics: Jacque presented an updated list of statistics comparing the past year at the new Library with the year before at the old Library.

President Pate mentioned a recent Letter to the Editor in the Joplin Globe that referenced the new Library. The Board consensus was not to respond to the letter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 16 July 2018, in Conference Room 1 of the Library.