

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
15 AUGUST 2016**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Library's Large Meeting Room by President William Pate. Board Members Doug Glynn, Bobbi Myers, Charles Parker, David Layne, Dorothy Willcoxon and Nicole Shoaf, and Library Director Jacque Gage were present. Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow and Children's Librarian Tammie Benham were also present.

Excused absences: Courtney Dermott.

BOARD EDUCATION: Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow and Children's Librarian Tammie Benham reported on the 2016 Summer Reading Program. Side note: The Teen Department received a technology grant to acquire 10-15 Raspberry Pis; a Raspberry Pi is an inexpensive computer the size of a credit card. There are mice and keyboards to go with them, and monitors have been purchased. The library will host programs to teach people how to use the software. The intent is for teens to see the library as more than a place for books and to establish a group of patrons who will be interested in the new library's maker space.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular July 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.
(Layne/Myers) 6/0

EXPENDITURES: July non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$32,336.65 were approved.
(Myers/Willcoxon) 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Background checks. Jacque presented a new background-check policy for incoming employees and an announcement to current staff regarding implementation of background checks. Motion by Layne that we accept the background-check policy for new employees, second by Myers, motion passed. **6/0** Motion by Layne, second by Shoaf to accept the announcement to staff regarding implementation of background checks, motion passed. **6/0** Board members also proposed that the Library run background check on volunteers. Motion to make this policy applicable to volunteers, with the library picking up the expense if the volunteer chooses not to do so, second by Willcoxon, motion passed. **6/0**

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

- Attendance was down during this year's Summer Reading Program.

- Have asked IT Manager Lee Cushing to double check network requirements for a time clock. No news yet.
- Have attended several building meetings.
- Staffing changes in the Children's Department: Derek Moser is a new full-time employee, and former employee Heather Cox has returned in a part-time position. Jeni Driskill has transferred from the Children's Department to Local History.
- Technical Services Librarian Leslie Hayes and Administrative Assistant Lisa Brown designed the open office area in the administrative wing of the new building. The plans have been submitted to OPN.
- Reminded the Board about the upcoming meetings with sales representatives for 24/7 library book vending machines.
- Ellen Eastman's replacement to the Board has not been named yet.
- In contact with the Finance Department to get the overheard charges for FY17 reduced.
- Will be presenting with Sapp Design Associates at two workshops at MLA in October.

Stats: Gate count is on par with this time last year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 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, 19 September, in the Large Meeting Room of the Library.