

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
25 SEPTEMBER 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 Board President William Pate. Board Members Dorothy Willcoxon, Doug Glynn, Bobbi Myers, Nicole Shoaf, Amy Koeshall, and Lisa Erickson, and Library Director Jacque Gage were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: David Layne and Mary Gaarder.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular August 2017 meeting were approved as distributed. (Willcoxon/Shoaf) 6/0

EXPENDITURES: August non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$65,987.91 were approved. (Shoaf/Koeshall) 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Report from Tech Logic to move small AMH.** It would cost \$4,550 to extend the unit about 12 inches. This does not include installing a shroud or covering for the extension. Motion by Koeshall that Jacque is allowed to ask Tech Logic about the possibility of splitting the difference, second by Glynn. Motion passed. 6/0 Motion by Shoaf to give Jacque the authority to move forward with fixing the book drop if Tech Logic will come down in price. Second by Willcoxon. Motion passed. 6/0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Lawn care/landscaping maintenance.** A couple bids have come in. They are due at the end of business today. The Board is displeased by the landscape architect's selection of seemingly unquenchable plants, without at least having given the Library an advance heads up and opportunity to make other selections.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

- The Library must submit a form 990 this year. It will cost \$800-\$1,000 for an accountant to do the paperwork.
- Technical Services Librarian Leslie Hayes is one of 28 accepted (out of 86 applicants) to attend the PLA Leadership Academy in Chicago in December.
- Ceasing Neatoscan due to increased fees by Amazon.
- Attended SISLT Advisory Board meeting last week.

- Along with Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow, spoke to Upper School at Thomas Jefferson Day School.
- Spoke to Noon Rotary.
- Did a video interview with a professor from North Texas State University for her library management class.
- Still working on missing and incomplete furniture. SI still working on lighting and building control issues.
- Meeting with Missouri Historical Society with Leslie Hayes about the Missouri bicentennial in 2021.
- Makerspace grand opening is scheduled for Oct. 14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Statistics: Comparing 2016 with 2017, from May 30-September 24, overall circulation is up 39%. Unique borrowers are up 46%. Items added to the collection are up 31%. Patrons added are up 173%.

Certain collections have had even greater usage increases due to the difference in displays and locations. Large print is up 60%. Children's storybooks are up 63%. Adult non-fiction is up 56%. Teen collection overall is up 60%. Teen fiction only is up 82%.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 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 October, in Conference Room 1 of the Library.

