

**LIBRARY MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
23 JANUARY 2023**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members David Layne, Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Barbara Hicklin, Emily Stanley, Jean Coltharp, and Jennifer Baldwin and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Lisa Erickson.

**BOARD EDUCATION:** None.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the November 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Dr. Coltharp to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **7/0**

**VOUCHERS:** Three months of financial reports were reviewed:

- Revised October non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$99,341.24 were approved. **(Coltharp/Fleischaker) 7/0**
- November non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$41,205.07 were approved. **(Fleischaker/Stanley) 7/0**
- December non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$67,574.47 were approved. **(Baldwin/Hicklin) 7/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Friends of the Library.** Ms. Gockley reported that the baskets and carts, which were purchased with donations received on Giving Tuesday, have arrived and are in use by patrons. The Friends group met last week, and both the Adult Programming Coordinator and Children's Librarian presented requests for funding assistance. The Friends approved assistance for the Children's Department book club, which will allow every participant to receive their own copy of the book. They also donated funding toward Joplin Reads Together to support the author visit in April and are serving as a community partner for JRT. In closing, Ms. Gockley reported that Dorothy Willcoxon, while she will remain on the Friends Board, has asked to step down as Treasurer. A replacement is being sought.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Weed Whackers invoice.** Weed Whackers has submitted a revised invoice. The bill requests compensation for the sod, while the irrigation charges have been removed.

There was a motion by Ms. Hicklin to pay the invoice, with a second by Mr. Fleischaker. The motion passed. **7/0**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Christmas 2023 calendar.** Ms. Gockley presented two options for holiday closures in December. There was a motion by Ms. Stanley to close December 24-26 for Christmas, with a second by Mr. Layne. The motion passed. **7/0**

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:**

### **Media Engagement**

- Emergency Connectivity Fund Hotspots
  - On December 8, [Joplin Globe](#) shared a story on Facebook.
  - On December 8, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
  - On December 13, [KSN](#) aired a story.
  - On January 13, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
- Holiday Tree Trail
  - On November 29, [KSN](#) aired a story about the tree trail and the Library's participation.
  - On December 6, Jeana & Lori appeared on [KSN](#)'s Living Well and talked about the tree trail, December's take home kits, and Library gift certificates.
- On December 9, as part of [Good Morning Four States](#)'s Half Hour Highlights, Howie and Bubba shared details on the Library's Maker Space and hot cocoa kits they're giving away.
- On December 10, the [Joplin Globe](#) published an editorial written by a Carl Junction resident about the Secretary of State's proposed rule.
- On December 22, [KOAM](#) aired a story about community warming centers, including an interview with Children's Librarian Christina Matekel-Gibson.
- On December 28, [KSN](#) aired a story about how the Library can help with New Year's resolutions.
- Joplin Reads Together (JRT)
  - On January 3, Sarah Turner-Hill appeared on [KSN](#)'s Living Well and shared about JRT.
  - On January 3, [KSN](#) aired a story.
  - On January 3, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
  - On January 3, [Joplin Globe](#) featured a story.
- On January 4, [KSN](#) aired a story about researching your family tree at the Library.
- On January 4, [KSN](#) aired a story about the Library's 2022 statistics.

### **Programs**

- During December, Makerspace staff ran a month-long programming event where anyone who signed up could make an engraved wooden spoon. They had 78 participants.
- The Library's Trivia Night on Tuesday, January 17, included 10 teams and a total of 38 people participants.
- The Children's Department's January 12, Hygge Family Book Night was a cozy celebration of togetherness that included 40 parents and children.

### **Building and Grounds**

- Another HVAC unit (HP2) has failed (the first one, HP1, failed at the end of October 2022). We are still waiting for the replacement parts for HP1; parts for HP2 have been ordered, and will take 3-4 months to arrive.
- Work continues on the lights in the lobby. Adam from Layne Electric reported that he had reached out to the manufacturer and found out the diodes are bad. They are supposed to be sending an engineer to install the new diodes.
- The Library has three new cigarette containers in the parking lot area. The previous units were rusted and parts were missing.
- New outdoor signage was installed, directing users to the book drop and how to navigate the main entrance area. The previous sign had been damaged by someone backing their truck into it.
- In the spring we will be working with a new landscaping company, Ground Up. Hiram Bragg, with Show Me the Details, is moving to Florida.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Over 16,000 comments were submitted in response to the Secretary of State's proposed rule. The Missouri State Library is still tabulating comments and the JCAR committee is awaiting new member appointments.
- The Library added a new streaming resource called Kanopy. Using Kanopy, Library users can stream movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos.

**STATISTICS:** There was discussion of the reorganized format of the statistics. There has been an increase in door count and patron registrations, as well as children's computer use.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Written by

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Circulation Manager

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, 27 February 2023.