

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
17 OCTOBER 2022**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Andrea Cullers, Lisa Erickson, Jim Fleischaker, Emily Stanley, Barbara Hicklin, Jennifer Baldwin and Jean Coltharp, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present. Troy Stovern of Vowels Stovern Wealth was also present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: David Layne.

BOARD EDUCATION: Mr. Stovern presented information about how the Library could invest its reserve funds, which are currently in a checking account managed by the City of Joplin. Mr. Fleischaker also reported on the recent Budget and Finance Committee meeting where City Finance Director Leslie Haase explained how the Library's reserve funds were being managed, along with information on why funds were not currently invested.

MINUTES: Minutes from the September 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Ms. Hicklin to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **7/0** Minutes from the September 2022 closed session meeting were reviewed. Motion by Ms. Baldwin to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Hicklin. Motion passed. **7/0**

VOUCHERS: September non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$43,934.00 were approved. (Coltharp/Stanley) **7/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Budget and Finance Committee.** Mr. Fleischaker reported that the Committee met last week to discuss moving a portion of reserve funds to Vowels Stovern Wealth for investment.
2. **Friends of the Library.** Ms. Stanley reported that the inaugural Friends membership meeting is tomorrow evening at 5:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FY22-23 budget amendment.** Jeana presented an amended FY22-23 budget to the Board, reflecting additional revenue projected to become available if reserve funds were invested by Vowels Stovern Wealth. There was a motion by Mr. Fleischaker to approve moving three million dollars from the reserve fund to Vowels Stovern Wealth, with a second by Ms. Hicklin. The motion passed. **7/0**

The proposed amendment to the FY22-23 budget accounts for an additional \$100,000 that would come from investment revenues. It includes bumping the 3% COLA for staff up to 6%, as well as increases to the programming, public relations, advertising, printing services, lawn care, electric and water budget lines. There was a motion by Mr.

Fleischaker to approve the amended budget, with a second by Dr. Coltharp. The motion passed. 7/0

2. **Landscaping invoice.** Weed Whackers, a former Library vendor, sent an invoice in September for service in June. The Board advised Jeana to reply with a letter explaining why the invoice will not be paid in full and to make a counteroffer of \$100.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- On September 23, [Joplin Globe](#) shared information about the Library's STEM Club event in the "Five things to do this weekend" section.
- Sara Dykman Author Event
 - On September 23, [Joplin Globe](#) shared information.
 - On September 27, [KZRG](#) shared information.
- On September 24, [Joplin Globe](#) shared a story about Banned Books Week.
- On September 26, [Joplin Globe](#) shared a story about the Library hiring Sarah Turner-Hill as our new Adult Programming Coordinator.
- On October 4, Jeana appeared on [KSN's Living Well](#) and talked about the Writers' Faire.
- On October 10, [KSN](#) shared a story about Landmark Builds' Iconic Joplin LEGO building challenge.
- On October 14, [Joplin Globe](#) shared a story about Iconic Joplin, a program the Library is collaborating with Landmark Builds to take part in.

Programs

- Be sure to check out the display cases outside the Local History department; they contain artwork from the Children's department's Young Artist Club.
- The Teen department started hosting a chess program in September. It has been well received and is being facilitated by a long-time teen library user.
- October's take-home kit for adults included supplies to create a burlap pumpkin. All 40 kits were handed out before noon.
- Sara Dykman's "Bicycling with Butterflies" author event on September 27 was well received with over 45 attendees.
- In collaboration with the Community Clinic, a flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic was hosted on October 3. The clinic gave a total of 81 shots to 53 attendees.
- In collaboration with the Post Art Library (PAL), the sixth annual Joplin Writers' Fair was held on October 8. Twenty-seven writers had booths and over 70 people attended. Many thanks to PAL director Jill Halbach for her coordination of this event.

Miscellaneous

- On October 10, we welcomed Jennifer Lewis as a part-time makerspace assistant.
- Thank you for allowing five staff members to attend the 2022 Missouri Library Association Conference held in Springfield, Missouri on September 28, 29 & 30. I presented a session entitled *From the Ground Up: Creating a Friends of the Library*.

STATISTICS: The Library is still doing well with new patron registrations; the \$12.50 cards for three months is a big draw!

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Written by

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Approved by

Library Director

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 21 November 2022.