

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
21 NOVEMBER 2022**

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, Jean Coltharp, and Jennifer Baldwin (entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m.) and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Lisa Erickson, Emily Stanley.

BOARD EDUCATION: None

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Fleischaker to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Hicklin. Motion passed. **6/0** Minutes from the October 2022 closed session meeting were reviewed. Motion by Ms. Hicklin to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **6/0**

VOUCHERS: October non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$76,270.00 were approved. **(Hicklin/Fleischaker) 7/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Friends of the Library.** Ms. Gockley reported on the inaugural membership meeting. The event was well-attended. The budget for 2023 was passed and \$10,000 has been slated for library projects. There was a working session in early November to discuss Giving Tuesday. The proceeds from the campaign have been designated to purchase shopping baskets and carts for the library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Weed Whackers Invoice.** Ms. Gockley sent a certified letter to the vendor offering to settle the matter with a payment of \$100 for services received. The Library has not received confirmation of receipt. Ms. Gockley has reached out to Sherry with Weed Whackers on three separate occasions without a response. Sherry has contacted the City directly for payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion of Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft's Proposed Rule 15 CSR 30-200.015 Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors:** The proposed rule would establish a certification requirement for libraries receiving state funds and institute measures to protect minors from non-age-appropriate materials.

As stated in the proposal, libraries would adopt written policies determining what materials are age-appropriate. As well, state funds could not be used to purchase or acquire inappropriate materials in any form, for minors, that are deemed prurient in nature.

The Board reviewed a Resolution opposing the proposed rule and authorized Ms. Gockley to modify the language to reflect both the costs the Library will incur, as well as the undue burden it will place on staff to interpret and enforce the legislation. Board President Mary Gaarder will submit the Resolution to the Office of the Secretary of State both electronically and by USPS mail. The motion was proposed by Mr. Fleischaker and seconded by Ms. Baldwin. Motion passed. **7/0**

2. **Revisions to the Comment on Library Materials (Appendix B):** A motion was made by Dr. Cullers, and seconded by Mr. Layne to adopt the proposed revisions. Motion passed. **7/0**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Media Engagement

- On October 29, [Joplin Globe](#) shared a story about Secretary Ashcroft's new proposed rule.
- On November 1, Jeana appeared on [KSN's Living Well](#) and talked about Dinovember and International Games Month.
- On November 9, [Joplin Globe](#) shared information about International Games Month and the Library's Teen Game Day event in the "Five things to do this weekend" section.
- Technology Mini Grant
 - On November 13, [KOAM](#) aired a story about the Library receiving \$5,890 in technology mini-grant funds from the Missouri State Library.
 - On November 15, [KSN](#) aired a similar story.

Programs

- Blood drive on October 20, collected 26 pints of blood, which means a potential 78 hospital patients will receive life saving transfusions.
- October's Teen take home kit was a stuffed, felt zombie. The thirty kits went fast!
- The Holiday Tree Trail kickoff is November 29, from 6 to 8 pm, do not miss your chance to vote for the Library's Polar Express themed tree and to see the first of the two Storywalks being provided by the Children's Department.

Building and Grounds

- One of the HVAC units has a bad inverter board and compressor. They are under warranty, but it could take up to two months to get the replacement compressor.

- The HVAC units on the south side of the building have hail damage. It is recommended we get partitions for them so no further damage occurs.
- Thanks to the HVAC trouble, it was discovered that one of the Skylight/Solatube domes had sustained damage. A new one has been ordered.

Miscellaneous

- The Library's Staff Development Day was held on November 11, with staff attending sessions presented by community partners in the morning and team building at Pennington Station in the afternoon. Justin Kelly was voted 2022 Employee of the Year by the staff.
- The Federal Communications Commission awarded the Library Emergency Connectivity Funds totaling \$214,000 to purchase 600 hotspots, each with one year service contracts. Five hundred will be for long-term check out and the remaining 100 will be for short-term checkout.
- The reserved fund wire transfer to Vowels Stovern was completed Monday, November 7, and Troy Stovern has purchased the investment CDs.

STATISTICS: Year-end numbers look good in comparison to last year. The Library has 46,753 more visitors this year and 13,000 more physical items checked out.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Written by

Circulation Manager

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, 23 January 2023.