

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
19 NOVEMBER 2024**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Lisa Erickson, Heather Van Otterloo, Veda Boyd Jones, Andrea Cullers, Diane Reid Adams, Jennifer Baldwin, and Jean Coltharp, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Emily Stanley.

BOARD EDUCATION: Technical Services Librarian Alyssa Berry provided a tour of her department and staff introductions.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 2024 regular meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin to approve the minutes as corrected, with a second by Dr. Coltharp. Motion passed. **7/0**

VOUCHERS: October non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$125,333.20 were approved. (Coltharp/Van Otterloo) **7/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee Reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Foundation, Hager and Investment Account Updates.** Jeana shared figures from True North, the Library's investment firm. There was a motion by Dr. Coltharp to remove the Library from the Wells Fargo platform to the new ETF and mutual fund model. Seconded by Mrs. Boyd Jones. Motion passed. **7/0**
- 2. Homebound Delivery.** This service is set to launch after the first of the year. The Board examined a proposed policy. There was a motion by Dr. Cullers, with a second by Dr. Reid Adams, to accept the policy. **7/0** Jeana also presented a memo of understanding for the homebound delivery service. There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin and a second by Dr. Van Otterloo to approve the MOU. Motion passed. **7/0**
- 3. December Board Meeting.** The Board discussed whether to meet in December. There was a motion by Dr. Cullers, with a second by Ms. Baldwin, not to meet in December. Motion passed. **7/0**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Media Engagement

- On October 23, Kevin Badgley, from the Missouri Department of Conservation, shared about the "Bats at the Library" event on KSN.
- On October 28, [KSN](#) reported on Larry Hart pleading guilty to stealing the bench/statue. He was sentenced to 7 years in the Department of Corrections and into the 120 Institutional Treatment Center. Also, ordered to pay restitution of \$5,550 once he finishes the 120 day treatment program.
- On November 8, I talked about the Library's new 3D printers on [KSN's Living Well](#).
- Quapaw Language for Kids Program
 - On November 12, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared about the event in their "5 things to do" section.
 - On November 18, [KSN](#) aired a story about the event.
- On November 13, Barry Linduff of O-Gah-Pah Communications talked about the Library's Native American Heritage Month exhibit on [KSN's Living Well](#).
- On November 14, Lori Crockett shared about the new 3D printers on [KODE's Good Morning Four States](#).

Programs

- Programming coordinators hosted an all ages interactive movie night on October 24. Forty-three individuals attended the screening of Hocus Pocus.
- The Library's Staff Training Day was held on November 11. The theme was "Slumber Party" and the Staff Day planning team coordinated break-out sessions, team-building activities and a host of other training opportunities. To end the day, Senior Technical Services Assistant Missy Gilbert was named Employee of the Year.
- The final BINGO program of the year was on November 12, with fifty participating.

Personnel

- Mikaela Brown was hired as a full-time Custodian. Her first day was October 10.
- Olivia Spencer was hired as a part-time Computer Lab Assistant. Her first day was October 24.
- Kelsey Phipps was promoted to full-time Youth Services Assistant. Her first day of full-time employment was October 26.

Building & Grounds

- Roof/siding leaks persist. IT/Facilities Manager Justin Kelly is doing his best to track them down.
- David Toney, Inc has started the paver work near the building.

Grants

- The Library received a \$6,000 Bramlage Willcoxon grant.
- The Library received a \$8,600 Mini-Tech grant from the Missouri State Library. Thanks to IT/Facilities Manager Justin Kelly for writing and managing this grant.

STATISTICS: President Gaarder presented a comparison of 2024 vs. 2019 statistics.

STAFF COMMENTS: There were no Staff Comments.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **Dr. Reid Adams, Friends of the Library:** Reported that the FOL Board met last week. November will be the new renewal month for membership dues. There will be a social media launch of homebound delivery. Annual meeting went well. Dec. 3 is the annual Giving Tuesday campaign. Working on a Charles Dickens presentation for February. Planning for staff holiday gifts. No December Board meeting.
2. **Ms. Baldwin, Secretary's Council on Libraries:** State Librarian Robin Westphal has resigned her position and will become the new executive director of Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia. The acting State Librarian is Janet Caruthers. The Secretary of State's office is changing locations. The State Library is asking for full allotments for state aid and Athletes and Entertainers money; what the governor does with the budget in 2025 remains to be seen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no Public Comments.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 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. Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

