

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
28 FEBRUARY 2022**

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 Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Barbara Hicklin, Lisa Erickson, Emily Stanley and Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Nicole Shoaf and David Layne,

STAFF INTRODUCTION: Jeana introduced Lori Crockett, the Library's new PR/Marketing Assistant.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular January 2022 meeting were discussed. Motion by Ms. Stanley to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Erickson. **6/0**

VOUCHERS: January non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$35,671.66 were approved. **(Hicklin/Fleischaker) 6/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Friends of the Library update.** Ms. Stanley reported that there has been much progress. The group has a logo and has discussed swag and a web site. The next meeting is March 8, to recruit potential membership committee participants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Board Member email addresses.** Jeana reviewed with Board Members the importance of using their Library-issued email accounts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2022 Board Member appointments.** Jeana confirmed with eligible members to determine if they wish to be reappointed. Board Vice President Nicole Shoaf has requested not to be reappointed. Board Members expressed their appreciation to Professor Shoaf for her service.
2. **Review of the Friends of the Library Memo of Understanding.** The Board reviewed the MOU. Motion by Ms. Baldwin to approve the MOU as presented, with a second by Ms. Hicklin. **(6/0)**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- On February 1, appeared on [KSN's Living Well](#) and discussed the Library's expanded Tuesday hours, Library Lovers Month and Binge Boxes.
- On February 9, [The Joplin Globe](#) mentioned the Adult Take Home kit - a pom pom bookmark - in their Five Things to Do this Weekend article.
- On February 17, [KSN](#) shared a story about the Library being open despite many other places closing due to weather concerns.
- On February 24, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured a story about our new Book Swap program.
- On February 25, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured a story about the Black History Fair.
- On February 26, [KSN](#) aired a story about the Black History Fair.

Training

- Virtually attended Library Advocacy Day on February 8. Senator Bill White featured the Library's At A Glance graphic for FY21 that she shared with him in his weekly [email report](#) on February 11.

Building & Grounds

- The upholstery was replaced on the puppet theater seat in the Children's Department.
- The leak in the breakroom ceiling/doorway was found and repaired.
- The locking mechanism on the Community Room door was repaired.
- One of the hand dryers in the women's restroom is broken; a replacement motor has been ordered.
- We are still working to find a repair solution for the circular window seats in the Children's Department.

Staffing

- Ursula Rinker joined the Library, as a circulation assistant, on January 31.
- PR/Marketing Assistant Chelsey Gatewood's final day with the Library was February 22.

STATISTICS: Numbers traditionally start to pick up in late January. In January, the Makerspace was open 104 hours, with 23 users.

STAFF COMMENTS: Jeana read a comment from the Assistant Director of the CVB, who conveyed a compliment from someone she met.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Written by

Administrative Assistant

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, 28 March 2022.