

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
18 JANUARY 2016**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Library's Large Meeting Room by President Courtney Dermott. Board Members Bill Pate, Doug Glynn, Chuck Parker, Bobbi Myers, Jill LaGasse, Ellen Eastman, and David Layne were present. Allen Shirley, President of the Joplin Museum Complex Board of Directors, was also present.

Excused absence: Dorothy Willcoxon.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. Mr. Shirley addressed the Board regarding the benefits of the Museum Complex moving into the current Library building when it is vacated: a history museum in a historical downtown; the museum could be a northern anchor for the arts center to be built in front of Memorial Hall; and it's economically more feasible than constructing a new building. Moving to this location also could mean the granting of a Smithsonian affiliation. Mr. Shirley distributed a proposed layout featuring an addition built out toward Main St. to square off the building. He requested that the Board endorse the museum moving into the Library building; however, the Joplin City Council will make the final decision.

BOARD EDUCATION. Jacque spoke about Unique Management Services, a collections organization, and the services it provides the Library.

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 2015 regular meeting were approved as issued. **(Glynn/Eastman) 7/0**

EXPENDITURES: December non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$39,463.36 were approved. **(Myers/Eastman) 7/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Building and grounds. Naming rights for the new building. Committee Chair LaGasse reported that the group examined what other libraries have done regarding naming rights for buildings, and developed preliminary figures for various sections of the new library. Motion by Parker to accept proposed figures, second by Eastman, motion passed. **(7/0)** The committee also discussed during its meeting naming certain areas after previous Board members, specifically former Treasurer Gene Denham. It decided doing so would set a precedent and potentially exclude several other previous Board members, and is therefore not a recommended idea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Naming rights.** See above.
- **Phillips Files update.** All of the tapes have been digitized, and Bill Hunt has created three 30-minute programs that have been shown on MSSU-TV. Each program features around eight segments; there are close to 500 total segments in the Phillips Files. The

library will receive DVD copies so that we can circulate them, with some retained in reserve. Missouri Digital Heritage would be a good location for these, as well, but Jacque is waiting to hear back from KODE regarding ownership rights to the tapes.

- **Strategic planning.** The Board reviewed the draft plan, crafted by June Garcia in collaboration with Jacque and the Department Heads. Motion by LaGasse to accept the proposed strategic plan with modifications specified, second by Eastman, motion passed. (7/0)

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

- Met with the executive director of NALA, who proposed a joint partnership for Library 24, a unit that would be stationed in the NALA lobby so that downtown residents could check out library materials, including holds. The Project Manager for the new library is investigating whether one can be rolled into construction costs. If the EDA grant cannot cover it, Jacque proposes using money from the capital improvements fund, as the unit would create a library presence downtown.
- Served on focus group for the Joplin Historic Preservation study.
- Meeting with companies to discuss a website re-design. Currently writing a grant to fund the redesign.
- Children's Librarian Jeana Gockley has resigned to take a job as Library Director of the MacDonald County Public Library System. Her last day will be Feb. 5. A public farewell reception will be held Jan. 30, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Staff Association will also be doing something for her.
- Expecting a Children's Assistant resignation in April as well.
- Adding magazines to the MOLib2Go collection. This is in addition to our Flipster collection.
- The Bramlage Foundation has donated for a third year to fund Family Place Library programming and the play space. They have received a photo scrapbook of how the funds are used.
- Jacque's trip to Cambodia will be during the March Board meeting. She asked if the Board would prefer to move the meeting back a week or cancel it. Motion by Pate that the Joplin Public Library Board not meet in March, unless called to do so by the Board President. Second by Eastman, motion passed. (7/0)

Statistics: Discussion of programming. December is a slow month.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 22 February, in the Large Meeting Room of the Library.