

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
16 MAY 2016**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Library's Large Meeting Room by President Courtney Dermott. Board Members William Pate, Doug Glynn, Bobbi Myers, Charles Parker, Jill LaGasse, and Ellen Eastman, and Library Director Jacque Gage were present. Also present was Children's Librarian Tammie Benham.

Excused absences: David Layne and Dorothy Willcoxon.

The meeting opened with the presentation of a plaque to outgoing Board member Jill LaGasse in honor of her years of service as a Library Trustee.

BOARD EDUCATION: Tammie Benham was introduced to the Board. She discussed her background, her three months as Joplin Public Library's Children's Librarian, and her goals for the future.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular April 2016 meeting were approved as issued.
(Pate/Eastman) 6/0

EXPENDITURES: April non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$30,277.08 were approved.
(Myers/Eastman) 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Patron-ban policy.** Jacque distributed a proposed expansion of the section in the policy manual regarding patron problem behavior. The Board discussed the proposed changes and offered suggestions. Motion by Glynn to accept the policy, with two changes, second by Myers, motion passed. **6/0** Motion by Glynn that an additional sentence read "library privileges suspended for a minimum of one year with reinstatement of privileges pending an appearance before the Board," second by Myers, motion passed. **6/0**

NEW BUSINESS: Petitioner policy. Jacque distributed a proposed policy for people wishing to gather signatures for petitions on library property. The Board will review the proposed policy for further discussion and action next month.

The Board President thanked Mr. Glynn for the letter he recently wrote to Tony Robyn with the City of Joplin regarding use of alternate energy methods such as geo-thermal.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

- Nanette Clevenger has resigned after 11 years as a Library employee in the Local History Department.
- Jacque will not be going to ALA to do a workshop with Sapp and OPN.
- Had a “mock-up” meeting to see samples of the pavers, paving, walls, etc. for the new building.
- Attended several building progress meetings.
- With IT Manager Lee Cushing, met with TEC to talk about some of the technology in the new building.
- Worked on shelving needs/formulas for the new building.
- Received a grant to build a new Library web site and have begun working with Blu20 in Joplin for said web site.
- Legislature passed and Governor signed a budget that will increase funding next year – not quite up to FY15 levels, but significantly more than this year.
- Taped a TV show with Lynn Onstot on the new building.
- Spoke about the new building to the Women’s Club of Joplin.

Ellen Eastman praised Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow and the environment her department provides for area teens.

Stats: Jacque pointed out that while attendance at teen programs is low, the Teen Services Librarian has taken steps to get the word out to area youth through outreach and to make changes to programming.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11p.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, 20 June, in the Large Meeting Room of the Library.