

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
21 DECEMBER 2015**

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 Bill Pate, Doug Glynn, Chuck Parker, Jill LaGasse and David Layne were present.

Excused absences: Dorothy Willcoxon, Bobbi Myers, and Ellen Eastman.

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 2015 regular meeting were approved as issued. **(Pate/Layne) 5/0**

EXPENDITURES: November non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$17,107.76 were approved. **(Glynn/LaGasse) 5/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Building updates:** The City Council will vote on R.E. Smith as the contractor for the building project. The bid was low enough that Jacque will be able to ask for certain things to be added to the project, such as a library materials "Red Box" that will allow patrons to check out items at another location, and mobility scooters that patrons can use on-site. R.E. Smith will likely start after first of the year. Substantial completion would be after 420 days, which puts completion in early March 2017. The building must be occupied by May 2017.
- **Naming rights:** Jacque has received helpful information from other libraries about naming rights. An application to the C. W. Titus Foundation probably will not be ready in time for the group's quarterly meeting; the Building and Grounds Committee needs to do more work needs to be done on the Library's end. Jacque has developed a list of places that could be eligible for naming rights.
- **Strategic planning:** The most recent draft has been corrected and returned to June Garcia. Pictures for inclusion in the report will be taken early in January. The draft should be available for Board perusal next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **January 2016 Board meeting.** Jacque requested moving the meeting to 1 p.m. to accommodate her upcoming eye surgery. Motion by Parker to move meeting to 1 p.m. on January 18, from 4 p.m., second by Glynn, motion passed. **(5/0)**
- **Beatrix Potter figurines.** A full set of figurines had been found several months ago in the Children's Department storage. One – a little black dog -- sold for \$1,200. The others will eventually be listed. Also sold a signed first edition of S. E. Hinton's "The Outsiders" for \$600.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

- Attended a series of meetings in Columbia and Osage Beach
 - Columbia
 - SISLT Advisory Board Meeting. SISLT has had its accreditation restored.
 - Osage Beach
 - MoLib2Go Consortium. Dealt with some Overdrive collection issues and discussed adding downloadable periodicals.
 - MPLD
 - The Secretary of State and the Governor suggest keeping State Aid at \$.13/per capita, down from \$.50. The State Library as part of the Secretary of State's office can't argue against this. The suggestion is that libraries "work on" the Senate Budget Committee when the new session starts.
 - There are proposed wage and hour rules regarding exempt employees that are in the works and would affect us. Under the guidelines, five currently exempt employees would become non-exempt (Lisa Brown, Lee Cushing, Leslie Hayes, Beth Snow, and Jeana Gockley). They would only be able to work 40 hpw, and because the Library does not pay comp time, they would have to adhere to this limit.
 - May need to "tweak" our written policy about Sunshine Law and closed records. The MPLD attorney on retainer is supposed to be suggesting some wording.
- Will be writing a grant due Feb. 1 for the re-design of the Library's web site.
- Continuing discussions with the Midwest Genealogy Center and the Missouri State Archives about digitizing part of the Library's genealogy collection so it doesn't have to be moved to the new building. The Archives would scan them, and the Genealogy Center would upload and host them. According to the state archivist, both of these projects (materials, funeral home records) could be done outside the scope of grants, which means they would cost nothing.
- The State Library has contacted Jacquie about attending a conference in Denver in September. She has been urged to write a Show-Me Steps grant to pay for her attendance and was given the opportunity to write one early. The grant has been approved.

Jill LaGasse asked about the Phillips Files, a series that Bob Phillips did for KODE-TV about local history and interests. The man who worked on them with Phillips offered to digitize them, but nothing has been heard from him lately. Jacquie will follow up.

Statistics: Discussion of programming.

Bill Pate said that Allen Shirley, president of Joplin Museum Board, would like to address the Board about the museum taking over the current building after we vacate. (The final decision

would be made by the City Council.) Motion by Layne, second by Glynn, to invite Mr. Shirley to address the Board regarding this matter, motion passed. (5/0)

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 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 1 p.m. Monday, 18 January, in the Large Meeting Room of the Library.