

**LIBRARY MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
24 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Library by Board President William Pate. Board Members William Pate, Doug Glynn, David Layne, Amy Koeshall, Mary Gaarder, and Barbara Hicklin, and Library Director Jacque Gage were present.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Nicole Shoaf, Lisa Erickson and Jim Fleischaker.

**BOARD EDUCATION:** Postponed until the October meeting.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the regular August 2018 meeting were approved as corrected. (Gaarder/Glynn) 5/0

**EXPENDITURES:** August non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$74,250.47 were approved. (Gaarder/Koeshall) 5/0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Speed bumps.** Finally heard back from the City. Public Works has started working on the matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Closing for upgrade.** The Library has received a grant to purchase a new ILS server. In the process of converting to a new server, we will be upgrading the ILS system. Would like to close for a day to do the conversion and upgrade. Motion by Layne to close for a day, to be determined. Second by Hicklin. Motion passed. 5/0
2. **Expansion of policy.** Current policy reads: "In fulfilling its mission, the Joplin Public Library fully supports the principle of freedom of expression and the public's right to know. The Library will foster an atmosphere of free inquiry and provide information without bias or discrimination." Jacque would like to add: "All persons are welcome regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, political views, sexual orientation, gender expression, economic status, or abilities. The library will remain a neutral presence in welcoming all." Motion by Gaarder to accept the wording of expansion of policy, second by Hicklin, motion passed. 5/0

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:**

**Announcements:**

- The Library was mentioned in a Washington Post column last week. The mention was positive and accurate.
- Have finally gotten U.S. Bank to begin processing the transfer of Hager funds. This should be done this week. Also ready to close the Foundation checking account, as the last check has cleared.
- The issue with the money with the City was their making journal corrections to FY17 and then not providing us with updated reports. Still working on this issue with them.
- This year for Summer Reading, Children’s Librarian Tammie Benham partnered with a Title 1 program focusing on 27 students to monitor their progress. Over 75 percent of the students improved or stayed the same. They were tested before the Summer Reading program, then mailed materials during the course of the program, and tested after.
- Been doing passports a little over three weeks and have taken in around \$500 in revenue.

**Statistics:** Everything is up, from meeting room use to children’s programming. Have started tracking Hoopla circulation and individual users.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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Administrative Assistant

Approved by

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Library Director

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 15 October 2018, in Conference Room 1 of the Library.