

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
19 AUGUST 2019**

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 President William Pate. Board Members William Pate, Doug Glynn, Nicole Shoaf, Amy Koeshall, Lisa Erickson, Mary Gaarder, Barbara Hicklin, David Layne (via Zoom) and Jim Fleischaker, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present. Guests present: Children's Librarian Christina Matekel-Gibson, Assistant Circulation Supervisor Evan Martin and Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: None.

BOARD EDUCATION: The Guests presented a wrap-up of the Library's Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular July 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.
(Fleischaker/Koeshall) 8/0

EXPENDITURES: July non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$46,096.70 were approved.
(Fleischaker/Shoaf) 8/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Appointing Board Officers.** A two-person Nominating Committee could be appointed, or individuals could volunteer to be officers. Mary Gaarder volunteered to be President. Motion by Fleischaker to appoint Mary Gaarder as President, second by Koeshall. Motion passed. **8/0** Motion by Koeshall, second by Shoaf to re-appoint Doug Glynn as Vice-President. Motion passed. **8/0** Motion by Fleischaker to appoint David Layne as Treasurer, second by Glynn, motion passed. **8/0**

William Pate expressed his thanks for his time as Board President and explained his reasons for choosing not to be re-appointed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update on Wells Fargo financials.** Treasurer Layne updated the Board on the Hager and Foundation accounts that reside with Wells Fargo. He reported that the accounts have had good growth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont'd):

2. **Sculpture update.** Jim Fleischaker apprised the Board on the latest developments. The plan is to order the statue at the beginning of March 2020 and install it mid to late

March 2020, with a possible dedication of April 4, 2020. Jeana met with the Kiwanis committee to determine the location of the statue and found one close to the Library's front walkway.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

- **Financials**
 - Met with the Library's account manager at Wells Fargo to receive an update. She also has forms for authorized individuals to sign to be signatories.

- **Staff**
 - Linda Cannon, who has been employed by the Library for 31 years and has served as a dual department head (Collection Services and Circulation Supervisor) is moving from full-time to half-time status.

- **Library Resources**
 - The usage of our Mango Language database increased dramatically after the company made a change to their logo. Before the change usage was 30 per month; after the logo change, 57 uses in June and over 300 in July!

- **Building & Grounds**
 - Several of the doors are not closing and opening properly. We have asked R.E. Smith for help in getting them fixed.
 - Guarantee Roofing has promised a soon-to-be completed repair to stop the leaking in the AMH room.
 - Phase II of the landscaping project will start soon and should be finished before the end of the fiscal year.

- **Community Engagement**
 - Attended a Chamber After Hours event on Tuesday, July 23.
 - The Library will have a monthly spot -- the first Tuesday of the month -- on KSN's Living Well.

- **Programs**
 - The Post Art Library hosted a Summer Reading art contest. Submissions are being displayed in Post and the public can vote on their favorites.
 - The World War I Mobile Museum opens September 8, with a closing reception scheduled for September 12 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Our partners on the project are: the Post Art Library, American Legion Post 13, Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau, Leggett & Platt, and the Jean, Jack, and Mildred Lemons Charitable Trust.
 - A social worker from Economic Security Corporation will be on site at the Library once a month starting Thursday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m-noon.

Statistics: Many electronic books have been removed from the catalog, accounting for the jump in withdrawn titles. Jeana presented a Hoopla overview, with graphics.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 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, 16 September 2019, in Conference Room 1 of the Library.