

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
20 APRIL 2020**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Mary Gaarder, Doug Glynn, Barbara Hicklin, Nicole Shoaf, David Layne, Lisa Erickson, Jim Fleischaker, Emily Stanley, and Andrea Cullers, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and local and state stay-at-home orders, the meeting was held via Zoom and streamed live on the Library's YouTube channel.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular March 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.
(Erickson/Stanley) 8/0

VOUCHERS: March non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$28,476.59 were approved.
(Fleischaker/Glynn) 8/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Kiwanis statue.** Mr. Fleischaker reported that he met with the installer, who determined the best option would be to pour a concrete pad upon which to install the statue. The process will wait until the Library reopens. Mr. Fleischaker also said he has the plaque for the statue.
2. **Library closure due to COVID-19.** The closure had previously been extended until April 24. Currently, a skeleton crew of Department Heads is popping in to complete key tasks. The Mayor and Governor have extended the shelter in place order through May 3. Board Members asked questions regarding decontamination of materials, when to reopen the exterior book drop and when to reopen the Library. Jeana reported that she is conferring with Department Heads on all of the above and looking at a phased reopening. She also reported that there will be a Summer Reading Program, though it will look different from previous years.

The Board agreed to extend the Library closure through May 3 and to adhere to city and state protocols regarding when to reopen.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Thank you to staff who are keeping things going during the closure.

Community Engagement

- Library staff are doing their best to make sure patrons know about our digital resources. Most of this is being done through our Facebook account and the Library's website.
- Gave a library update during the City's Live media event on April 15.
- On April 18, KOAM ran a story on library services that are available during the closure.

Programs

- The Children's Department hosted a parent night for Kelsey Norman Elementary on March 3. One hundred and seventy-seven parents and children took part in comic-themed activities.
- Also, on March 3, thanks to a collaboration with the Missouri Humanities Council, we had a French Creole Story of Missouri fiddle program. It included French folktales, haunting ballads and foot-stomping fiddle tunes.

Building & Grounds

- Weed Wackers is readying our property for spring.

Training

- MOSL Library Director Forums
 - COVID-19 Webinars
- Children's & Teen Programming Forums
- New Director's Boot Camp
- Leadership Joplin Zoom

Statistics:

- Patrons may still register for new cards while the Library is closed. Thus far, there have been 50 new registrations, with two of them for non-residents, since April 5.
- Hoopla circulation is way up.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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Approved by

Library Director

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 18 May 2020.