

**LIBRARY MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
18 MAY 2020**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Mary Gaarder, Doug Glynn, Barbara Hicklin, Nicole Shoaf (via Zoom), David Layne, Lisa Erickson, Jim Fleischaker, Emily Stanley, and Andrea Cullers, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present. Children's Librarian Christina Matekel-Gibson was also present.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Library building's current closure, the meeting was streamed live on the Library's YouTube channel.

**BOARD EDUCATION:** Children's Librarian Christina Matekel-Gibson reported on the 2020 all-ages Summer Reading Program. This year the Library will use an online platform called Beanstack that allows participants to log hours and activities. Programming will be virtual this year due to COVID-19. There are game boards for children, teens and adults.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the regular April 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.  
**(Fleischaker/Glynn) 8/0**

**VOUCHERS:** April non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$24,329.75 were approved.  
**(Hicklin/Fleischaker) 8/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Closure of the Library due to COVID-19.** Jeana has developed a phased reopening plan. Phase 1, Department Heads and custodial staff returned to work in-house on May 4. May 6, pages and other limited departmental staff returned, and there was a soft reopening of the exterior book drop. Phase 2, official reopening of the exterior book drop on May 11. Phase 3, all circulation and reference staff returned to work, curbside pick-up started May 14 and limited interlibrary loan services were restored.

Returned items are being quarantined for 24 hours and are being vetted for pests. Cleaning supplies and protective gear have been acquired but some are still needed. Phase 4 would be to reopen the library, with restrictions. The Department Heads will talk further at their weekly meeting about phases 4-6.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Expiration of Doug Glynn's term.** Jeana presented Mr. Glynn with a plaque commemorating his nine years of service on the Board. He had words of thanks for the entire Board, Jeana and Administrative Assistant Lisa Brown. The City Council is slated to name his replacement June 1.

- 2. Financials for Hager and Foundation accounts.** Mr. Layne met with Wells Fargo representatives regarding the Library's accounts there. He summarized the meeting and presented reports.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:**

**Announcements:**

**Community Engagement**

- During the week of May 4, [KOAM](#), [The Joplin Globe](#) and [KSNF/KODE](#) did stories on the phased reopening.
- On May 15, [KOAM/FOX14](#) did a story about City and Library funding.
- On May 16, [KSNF/KODE](#) did a story about the new Curbside Pickup service.

**Training**

- Department heads have been offering a series of COVID-19 related training for returning staff.

Jeana presented a thank-you card from Library staff to the Board members.

**Statistics:** Numbers for e-resources have increased quite a bit, but there are no programming numbers in light of the closure due to COVID-19.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

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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 June 2020.