

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

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Vice-President Nicole Shoaf. Board Members Barbara Hicklin, David Layne, Lisa Erickson, Jim Fleischaker, Emily Stanley, Andrea Cullers, and Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

Excused absence: Mary Gaarder.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Library's reduced hours of operation, the meeting was streamed live on the Library's YouTube channel.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular June 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.
(Fleischaker/Hicklin) 7/0

VOUCHERS: June non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$36,177.67 were approved.
(Fleischaker/Stanley) 7/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Building and Grounds.** Chair Andrea Cullers reported that the Committee met to examine and determine an area for placement of the Kiwanis statue. It will be placed outside the main entrance. The Kiwanis will cover the cost of the installation.
2. **Personnel.** Chair Emily Stanley reported that the Committee met on July 7 to develop an evaluation of the Library Director. A survey, comprised of questions that fall into four categories, will go out to Department Heads and Board Members. The Library Director will also email the Board a self-evaluation narrative of the past year. The Committee will then meet Aug. 10 to review the survey results and prepare a presentation for the August Board meeting, where it will go into closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Phased reopening.** Jeana reported that the Library has continued with the abbreviated temporary hours; the plan is to continue them through August. Staff are enforcing the City mask ordinance and providing disposable masks for those patrons who need them. Jeana noted a June 22 research study that found COVID-19 can live a little more than two days on book pages; as a result, the Library went from a 24-hour quarantine of materials to a 72-hour one. Curbside pick-up will soon transition to a "park and call" method. Study and meeting rooms are still closed to the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Policy revisions and updates.**

- The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed policy revisions and updates, which are: circulation policies, the Library Bill of Rights, a statement on labeling, a Library map and fringe benefits. (Jeana would like to add Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a paid holiday, as it is a state and federal holiday, and City offices are closed.)
 - There was a motion by Mr. Fleschaker and a second by Ms. Stanley to approve the proposed policy revisions and updates. Motion passed. (7/0)
2. **“Wings” statue update.** The statue, which long resided at the old building, was placed in a staff area at the current building. The Board had inquired if it could be moved to a public area, and Jeana researched the possibility. A representative from R. E. Smith estimated that it would cost about \$5,000 to move the statue, which would need to be broken off its base. A crane would have to be used, plus there is a strong risk of damage to the statue. The Board agreed that it would be best to leave the statue where it is.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT:

Announcements:

Community Engagement

- On June 24, [KSN](#) did a story about the temporary hours.
- On June 29, [KODE](#) did a story about Overdrive (one of the Library’s ebook platforms) expanding access.
- On July 1, FOX-14 had a segment with Connect2Culture’s Emily Frankoski and she promoted the “Cooking with Lisa” virtual programs.
- On July 21, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured Library trustee Andrea Cullers in “The 5 Q’s: Exploring MSSU’s Lion Co-op.”

Programs

- On June 20 and July 18, staff member Lisa Brown presented cooking demonstrations.
- On June 25, the Teen Department held a virtual “sketch along” featuring Joplin High Art Department Chair Seth Wolfshorndl. He helped the teens create fantastical creatures and characters.
- Children's offered a round of Grab and Go Craft Kits on July 6. They were a hot item and were all picked up in less than one day!
- On July 9, staff member Arthur St. Onge presented a virtual program about Dungeons & Dragons.

Building & Grounds

- The ceiling in the automated materials handling (AMH) room was noticed leaking on July 2.

Training

- Attended the virtual ALA Conference on June 24-26.

A special thank you to Barbara Hicklin and Emily Stanley for donating sanitizing wipes to the Library!

Statistics: Circulation has almost doubled from last month. There is lots of ebook and streaming platform use.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 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, 17 August 2020.