

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
19 APRIL 2021**

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 Barbara Hicklin, David Layne, Jim Fleischaker, Andrea Cullers, Emily Stanley and Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Nicole Shoaf and Lisa Erickson.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular March 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.
(Hicklin/Fleischaker) 5/0

VOUCHERS: March non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$37,376.41 were approved.
(Fleischaker/Stanley) 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Insurance proposals.** Jeana updated the Board on the search for an insurer for the Library. She received two proposals from the RFP she sent out, from Kraft Insurance Services and Beimdiak Insurance Agency. She has reviewed them with Board Treasurer David Layne. The goal is to have a policy in place by May 1.
2. **Security gate update.** The installation of the east entrance gates will take place the week of May 17.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Construction request.** Jeana received a request from the City Public Works Department, on behalf of the builders of the laundromat/car wash going in next door to the Library. They have asked to be permitted access to the Library drive off 20th Street. The Board consensus was not to grant permission.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- On March 16, [KOAM](#) & [KSN](#) shared stories about the vaccine registration help event scheduled for March 17.
- On March 16, [Joplin Globe](#) editorial staff wrote an editorial about the Library.
- 1 Million Cups Joplin launch:

- On March 25, [KSN](#) shared a story.
- On April 6, [KRPS](#) featured a story.
- On April 12, Jeana appeared live on [KSN](#)'s Living Well and shared information.
- On April 14, [Joplin Globe](#) published an article.
- Expanded Library hours:
 - On April 5, [KSN](#) shared a story.
 - On April 5, [Joplin Globe](#) published an article.
- Scams of 2021 program information:
 - On April 6, [KODE](#) shared a story.
 - On April 8, [Joplin Globe](#) published an article.
- On April 6, Jeana appeared live on [KSN's](#) Living Well and shared information about upcoming adult programming.

Programs

- Area Agency on Aging vaccine registration help event on March 17, helped 13 people get registered.
- A virtual Scams of 2021 program took place on April 8, with 9 viewing during the LIVE presentation and 29 viewing the archived video.

Outreach

- Attended a SMART Cities work group meeting on March 31.
- 1 Million Cups Joplin launched April 16, with 57 entrepreneurs and business owners in attendance.
- Registered to have a Library booth at the JACC Business Expo on May 25 and 26, and the Joplin Regional Black Expo on June 19.

Services Affected by COVID-19

- Library services that remains affected:
 - Study rooms remain closed due to stored furniture
 - Some furniture remains stored or blocked off
 - Children's toys, games and computers remain stored or blocked off
 - Computers remain distanced in the Computer Lab
 - All programming remains virtual or as a "to-go," pick up format
- The Library will use staff and county vaccination rates as a benchmark for starting to plan and transition to in-person programming.
- The Library expanded its hours earlier this month, opening at 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Saturday hours have been altered slightly, with the Library closing at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.
- Public use of the Community Room and Conference Rooms is now permitted.
- The Makerspace is officially open to the public.

Training

- Trustees are invited to register for "[Effective Library Boards](#) webinar series," led by Bonnie McKewon from the State Library of Iowa.
 - *July 13, 2021: Problem-Solving the Upstream Way*
 - *September 14, 2021: Policies for Results: An Overview*

- *November 9, 2021: The Art of the Board Meeting*
- *January 11, 2022: The Board's Role in Storytelling*

Miscellaneous

- Department Heads are still evaluating ILS systems.

STATISTICS: The Board discussed non-resident cards, door counts, and the number of titles and volumes processed.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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Approved by

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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 April 2021.