

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

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Nicole Shoaf, David Layne, Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Lisa Erickson, Emily Stanley and Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Barbara Hicklin.

BOARD EDUCATION: The Board discussed the webinar “Problem Solving the Upstream Way” that took place July 13.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular June 2021 meeting were approved as distributed. **(Shoaf/Stamley) 7/0** Minutes from the closed session of June 2021 were approved, with a correction. **(Stanley/Fleischaker) 7/0**

VOUCHERS: June non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$44,494.33 were approved. **(Fleischaker/Shoaf) 7/0**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Renewal of the Conflict of Interest statement.** Jeana presented the statement for the Board’s approval. Motion by Mr. Fleischaker, second by Ms. Baldwin, to approve the statement. **(7/0)**
2. **Wells Fargo accounts.** An additional signer is needed on the accounts to replace a former Board member. Dr. Cullers volunteered.
3. **Juneteenth holiday.** Juneteenth is now a federal holiday. Jeana asked the Board if they wish to include it among the Library’s paid holidays for staff. President Gaarder suggested waiting until next month to see how the City proceeds and how the budget looks.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- Summer Reading Program
 - On July 3, the [Joplin Globe](#) featured a story on the front page.
- Summer Meals
 - On July 5, [KODE](#) aired a story.
 - On July 7, the Joplin Globe included a photo of the Joplin School staff handing out lunches at the Library.

- On July 14, [KSN](#) aired a story.
- On July 6, appeared on KSN's Living Well and shared information about summer reads and 1 Million Cups Joplin.
- On July 14, the [Joplin Globe](#) featured a write up about our Book Discussion program.

Programs

- Summer Reading is nearing the end, with July 25 being the final day. So far 575 participants have completed at least one gameboard (418 children, 38 teens, and 119 adults). In total, participants have read 377,377 cumulative minutes (6,289 hours).
- The Library's Summer Meals collaboration with Joplin Schools kicked off July 6, so far we have given out over 400 meals - 63 on Friday was the highest day so far.
- The Red Cross Blood Drive that was hosted at the Library on June 24 saw 40 donors.

Library Staff

- We welcomed three new staff members this month - Brittany Wood, Abigail Owen, and Isaac Willbanks.

Miscellaneous

- Congratulations to David, Jim, and Andrea for being appointed for another three year term to the Library Board. Thank you all for your service thus far!
- The door that leads out to the outdoor classroom area is fully functional and ready for use.

STATISTICS: The door count and circulation were up in June, thanks to the Summer Reading Program.

STAFF COMMENTS: Jeana requested that the Budget & Finance Committee meet on August 16 at 3 p.m. She also announced that in-person programming will resume in the fall, and that starting August 5, Thursday hours will extend to 8 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS: A Board Member asked a question about the Library and COVID-19.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. as the Board elected to go into closed session.

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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, 19 July 2021.