

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
15 NOVEMBER 2021**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Nicole Shoaf, Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Barbara Hicklin, David Layne, Lisa Erickson, Emily Stanley and Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present. Also present were guests Kathy Lazenby, Alice Snodgrass, and Paul Teverow.

STAFF INTRODUCTION: Jeana introduced Derek Moser, the new Adult Programming Librarian. He briefed Board Members on some upcoming programs and his future plans.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular October 2021 meeting were approved as distributed. (Stanley/Hicklin) 8/0

VOUCHERS: October non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$70,312.23 were approved. (Fleischaker/Baldwin) 8/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **End of year Foundation review.** Jeana provided a review of the Foundation's year in expenses and revenues.
2. **Friends of the Library Board request.** Friends group President Kathy Lazenby presented background on the organization's establishment and achievements thus far. She followed her presentation with a request, on behalf of the Friends group, for Foundation funds as seed money. There was a motion by Ms. Stanley for the Library Board to provide the Friends of the Library group with \$15,000 in Foundation funds. Seconded by Ms. Hicklin. Motion passed. 8/0
3. **Procedures for public comments at Board meetings.** Currently, members of the public who wish to address the Board must fill out a form requesting a place on the meeting agenda. However, this practice is not detailed in Library policy or Board bylaws. Jeana requested that the Board consider how to handle public comment at its meetings. The Board recommended making a Library policy change, as opposed to amending Board bylaws. This item will be moved to Unfinished Business for the next meeting.
4. **December/January/February meetings.** President Gaarder proposed that the Board consider the dates of the December, January and February meetings, as various holidays may interfere with holding the meetings. Treasurer Layne made a motion to

move the January and February meetings to the fourth Monday of the month. Ms. Stanley seconded. Motion passed. **8/0** President Gaarder also proposed not having a December meeting. Ms. Stanley made a motion that the Board not convene until January. Treasurer Layne seconded. Motion passed. **8/0**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- On October 29, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared a story about the addition of the Library's adult programming coordinator and electronic resources librarian.
- On November 2, Jeana appeared on [KSN's Living Well](#) and shared information about Dinovember and upcoming programming.

Programs

- On November 4, the Library co-hosted a Medicare Education event with Heather Arnold from S. Grace Associates. Eight people attended the hour-long event.
- On November 6, the Post Art Library hosted an artist talk with Luke Blevins, the artist currently featured in the Bramlage Willcoxon Gallery. Thirteen people attended.
- The Makerspace is now open to the public. Holiday hours are:
 - Tuesdays, 2 pm-6 pm
 - Wednesdays, 10 am-4 pm
 - Thursdays, 2 pm-8 pm,
 - Fridays, 10 am-4 pm
 - Second & Fourth Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm

Training

- Attended the inaugural Joplin Regional Innovation & Technology Summit Friday, November 5, at James River Church – Joplin. The event showcased local innovation and tech-centered businesses with breakout sessions emphasizing cybersecurity.
- The Library hosted its annual Staff Day event on November 11. Staff had the opportunity to attend training on a variety of topics; with everyone attending a session on Intellectual Freedom presented by representatives from the Missouri Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee.
- Jason Rinker from Stronghold Date is scheduled to present a session on Cybersecurity for Library staff and Board members on Wednesday, December 8, at 2 pm.

Building & Grounds

- The circular window seats in the Children's Department are tearing. RE Smith provided quotes for fixing or replacing them. Both quotes are almost \$10,000.
- The roof continues to have leaks and Guarantee Roof is still working to fix them.

STATISTICS: Gate count and circulation are up from 2020. The three-month non-resident library cards are also proving very popular as well.

STAFF COMMENTS: An author event featuring novelist Regina Jennings will be held at the Library December 9.

BOARD COMMENTS: Ms. Stanley reported that Dec. 4 is the Post Art Holiday Tea, held at Joplin Public Library. Pro Musica will be presenting music in the form of Bach a Bye Baby in the morning and the group Opus 76 in the afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Written 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, 24 January 2022.