

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
16 MAY 2022**

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Lisa Erickson.

BOARD EDUCATION: Children’s Librarian Christina Matekel-Gibson presented an overview of the all-ages 2022 Summer Reading Program, which will be from May 31-July 24. The theme is “Oceans of Possibilities.” There is a reading challenge for children, teens and adults, and there will be special events for all.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular April 2022 meeting were discussed. Motion by Ms. Stanley to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Hicklin. **7/0**

VOUCHERS: April non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$44,112.05 were approved. **(Fleischaker/Baldwin) 7/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Friends of the Library. Ms. Stanley reported on today’s Friends meeting. The brochure is ready, and people have started joining! Members will receive a special vinyl sticker for their contribution. Final edits are happening on the web site, and tomorrow a videographer is shooting more footage. Look for a news release, media coverage, and a booth at the June 12 library celebration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Joplin Library Foundation review from Wells Fargo.** Mr. Layne reported on the annual Foundation review from Wells Fargo.
2. **Committee appointments.** The Board discussed plans for the Personnel Committee and the Library Director’s evaluation. Committee appointments will take place in June, so President Gaarder gauged Board Members’ interest regarding which committees they would like to serve on.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- On April 24, [KSN](#) aired a story about the PAL/Library poetry hunt.

- On April 30, [The Joplin Globe](#) published a story about the divers exploring Roaring River and included information about a program that is scheduled at the Library on June 11, called “Meet the Divers.”
- Star Wars Days: The Library Strikes Back
 - On May 3, Jeana appeared on KSN’s [Living Well](#) and talked about Star Wars Days.
 - On May 4, [KOAM](#) interviewed Derek Moser and aired a story.
 - On May 6, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared a photo from the event.

Programs

- Our marketing and programming team collaborated to host a special themed event called “Star Wars Days: The Library Strikes Back!” on May 4, 5 & 6. Participants had the opportunity to dress up, take photos at a photo op station, build their own droid, explore our Star Wars resources, and many other drop-in activities.

Building & Grounds

- PURE Lawn Management treated the property for weeds and pests.

Miscellaneous

- At the April blood drive, 32 pints of blood were collected, meaning a potential 96 hospital patients will receive lifesaving transfusions.
- Lisa will be out of town for both the September and October board meetings. We will do our best to provide the reports you typically get, but September might not include everything because she is leaving for a trip early in the month and our financial reports from the City may not have arrived by then.
- Jeana attended the tax abatement meeting on April 19 at City Hall. More information is being gathered to share with the taxing districts.
- Library staff are busy preparing for the June 12, 120/5 Year Anniversary celebration.

STATISTICS: Door count and checkout numbers are down from March, but look for increases when Summer Reading starts May 31.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Written by

Administrative Assistant

Approved by

Library Director

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 20 June 2022.