

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
20 JUNE 2022**

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Barbara Hicklin.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular May 2022 meeting were discussed. Motion by Dr. Shoaf to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Erickson. **7/0**

VOUCHERS: May non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$42,027.98 were approved. **(Baldwin/Stanley) 7/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Friends of the Library.** Ms. Stanley reported that the Friends group had a table at the Library's anniversary celebration. They currently have 57 members, with several at the \$1,000 level. Many families and children have joined. The next step is to determine volunteer opportunities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Vowels-Stovern Wealth proposal.** The firm that currently handles the Library's Foundation and Hager accounts is Wells-Fargo. Brian Vowels and Troy Stovern, who managed the Library's accounts at Wells-Fargo, have established a new firm of their own and have invited the Library to transfer their holdings and portfolios. There was a motion by Ms. Stanley that the Library remain with Mr. Vowels and Mr. Stovern, with a second by Dr. Cullers. Motion passed. **(7/0)**
2. **Finalization of Committee appointments.** The President, who serves as ex officio on all committees, finalized appointments. They are as follows:
 - a. Budget and Finance: David Layne (chair), Jim Fleischaker, Andrea Cullers
 - b. Building and Grounds: Lisa Erickson (chair), Nicole Shoaf (her replacement on the Board will take her place on the Committee)
 - c. Personnel: Jennifer Baldwin (chair), Emily Stanley, Barbara Hicklin

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- Friends of the Library
 - On May 20, [The Joplin Globe](#) published a story about the Friends membership launch.
 - On May 24, [The Joplin Globe](#)'s editorial board published an article on the Friends.
 - On June 8, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
 - On June 7, Friends members appeared on [Good Morning Four States](#).
- Summer Reading
 - On May 31, [KSN](#), [The Joplin Globe](#) and KOAM shared stories.
 - On June 1, [The Joplin Globe](#) mentioned getting registered for SR as part of the "5 things to do this weekend" article.
 - On June 14, [KSN](#) aired a story about our Summer Playdate program.
 - On June 15, [The Joplin Globe](#) mentioned the Marko Polo program as part of the "5 things to do this weekend" article.
- On June 2, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared an article about the "Reflections of Hunger: Disordered Eating and Body Image Through Their Eyes" art exhibit the Library hosted in partnership with Ozark Center.
- Anniversary Event
 - On June 7, Jeana appeared on KSN's [Living Well](#) and talked about the Library's anniversary event and summer reading.
 - On June 8, [The Joplin Globe](#) mentioned attending the anniversary event as part of the "5 things to do this weekend" article.
 - On June 11, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured a front page article, plus an [editorial](#).
 - On June 11, [KOAM](#) aired a promotional story.
 - On June 12, [KSN](#) aired a story.
- On June 10, [KOAM](#) aired a story about the "What Do You See?" exhibit.

Programs

- On June 11, an all-ages program featuring KISS Rebreathers diving team took place. The group discussed their dives at Roaring River State Park, answered questions, and had an interactive element where the winning prize was a megalodon tooth.
- On June 12, the Library hosted a 120 Years of Service/5 Years on 20th Street Anniversary celebration. Over 350 people attended the open-house style event.
- On June 14, the Children's Department hosted a Summer Playdate outside in the outdoor learning commons and there were over 60 people in attendance.

Miscellaneous

- Thank you for allowing Jeana to attend the Missouri Public Library Directors Conference June 1-3, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She learned that state aid and A&E are projected to be increased for FY23, provided the Governor signs the budget as it is written.
- Dr. Robert and Dorothy Willcoxon have purchased the naming rights to Study Room 3.

STATISTICS: There was discussion of door count and meeting room use.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m. as the Board voted to go into closed session.

Written by

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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, 18 July 2022.