

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
18 JUNE 2024**

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 Emily Stanley, Lisa Erickson, Jim Fleischaker, David Layne, Andrea Cullers, Jennifer Baldwin, Jean Coltharp, and Diane Reid Adams, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: None.

BOARD EDUCATION: There was a presentation by the Facilities Assessment Team from Dake Wells Architecture and True Engineering.

Before the Board discussed agenda items, President Gaarder explained her objections to closing the Library for the funeral of Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 2024 regular meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by Ms. Stanley to approve the minutes, with a second by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **8/0**

VOUCHERS: May non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$69,173.72 were approved. (Baldwin/Reid Adams) **8/0**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Election of Board Officers.** According to the Board Bylaws, the Board shall name new officers in the June meeting every two years. However, President Gaarder asked the Board to postpone the decision to the July meeting so that the two new incoming Board Members could be part of the process. There was a motion by Mr. Fleischaker, and a second by Dr. Reid Adams to postpone naming officers until the July meeting. The motion passed. **8/0**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Media Engagement

- Summer Reading
 - On May 28, [KSN](#) aired a story.
 - On June 2, [KSN](#) aired a story about programs.
 - On June 4, I shared about SR [KSN](#)'s Living Well.
- On June 4, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared an article about Summer Meals at the Library, July 1 through August 6, between 11 and noon.

- On June 14, [KSN](#) and [KODE](#) aired a story about Founders Day of Care and how station employees volunteered at the Library.

Programs

- On June 3, the Children's Department hosted an animatronic dinosaur show courtesy of Curt Strutz with Dinosaur Dimensions. One hundred forty-three attendees were at the program.
- On June 11, the Library hosted Escape Joplin. Fifty-four adults participated.
- On June 14, the Library hosted volunteers from NexStar Broadcasting as part of their annual Founders Day of Caring. The group of twenty-two volunteers helped with activities inside and outside the Library. Thanks to Adult Programming Coordinator Sarah Turner-Hill for coordinating the volunteer activities.

Personnel

- Beth Snow, beloved Teen Services Librarian, passed away peacefully on June 14, 2024 after a long battle with cancer. Her visitation will be June 20, from 6:00-7:00 pm at Mason-Woodard Mortuary and Crematory. Her funeral will be held June 21, at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Joplin.

Miscellaneous

- The Missouri Public Library Directors (MPLD) conference was held in Jefferson City on June 6 and 7. In my role as MPLD President I was responsible for planning and hosting the conference. The slate of programs, which included a Secretary of State candidate panel and a session on engaging partnerships, was well received and seventy library directors from around the state attended.
- On June 17, Joplin City Council appointed Heather Van Otterloo and Veda Boyd Jones to the Library Board.

STATISTICS: Jeana provided Makerspace numbers.

STAFF COMMENTS: There were no Staff Comments.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- The Board President presented plaques acknowledging the years of service by David Layne and Jim Fleischaker on the Library Board. Their terms end with the June meeting.
- Dr. Reid Adams shared information from the minutes and treasurer's report from the most recent Friends of the Library meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no Public Comments.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 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. Tuesday, July 16, 2024.