

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
18 JULY 2022**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Andrea Cullers (entered the meeting at 4:27 p.m.), Jim Fleischaker, Lisa Erickson, Emily Stanley, Barbara Hicklin, Jennifer Baldwin, and Jean Coltharp, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: David Layne.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: Jeana introduced new Board Member Jean Coltharp.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular June 2022 meeting were discussed. Motion by Mr. Fleischaker to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Hicklin. Motion passed. **6/0** Minutes from the June 2022 closed session were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Fleischaker to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Stanley. Motion passed. **(6/0)**

VOUCHERS: June non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$63,905.85 were approved. **(Hicklin/Baldwin) 6/0**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of New Board Officers.

- a. Treasurer:** In a motion, Ms. Stanley nominated Mr. Layne as Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **(6/0)**
- b. Secretary:** In a motion, Mr. Fleischaker nominated Ms. Erickson as Secretary, seconded by Ms. Baldwin. Motion passed. **(6/0)**
- c. Vice-President:** In a motion, Ms. Hicklin nominated Ms. Stanley as Vice-President, seconded by Ms. Baldwin. Motion passed. **(6/0)**
- d. President:** In a motion, Mr. Fleischaker nominated Ms. Gaarder as President, seconded by Ms. Hicklin. Motion passed. **(6/0)**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- On July 5, Jeana appeared on KSN's Living Well and talked about Summer Meals and Summer Cards.
- On July 10, [The Joplin Globe](#) published an article about the summer meals partnership with Joplin Schools.

Programs

- On June 28, our Anime/Manga Club explored *gyo taku* (Japanese fish printing). Nineteen teens were in attendance.
- On July 12, an all-ages scavenger hunt took place. Thirty-two people participated.
- Since the beginning of Summer Reading:
 - 1,784 individuals have registered (1,125 children, 154 teens, 505 adults)
 - 575 people have completed their first level; with 645 rewards collected
 - 822 new cards have been issued; including 294 designated as SR cardholders; and 503 non-resident are using the Library for free thanks to SR cards
- The Summer Reading ending celebration will take place Saturday, July 23, from 3 to 5 pm. It is an all-ages event.

Building and Grounds

- Weed Whackers is no longer servicing or maintaining the Library's irrigation system. We have been working with several vendors to make repairs, though none have been successful in getting the system up and running.
- IT Manager Justin Kelly presented detailed information about the issues with the irrigation system and the needed repairs. He offered figures for replacing versus repairing, as well as the complications of repairing versus replacing.
- There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin to replace rather than repair the irrigation system, with a second by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. (7/0)

Miscellaneous

- Board member Jennifer Baldwin has been appointed to the Secretary's Council on Library Development. The Council is made up of library stakeholders from across the state, including a public library board trustee. The Council's mission is "to advise the Secretary of State and the State Librarian on all matters that relate to the state's libraries and library service to Missouri citizens; to recommend programs to the Secretary of State and the State Librarian; and to communicate the value of libraries to people in the state and to those who are responsible for libraries."
- Governor Parson has approved the allocation of additional funding to libraries for FY23. Here is the breakdown (effective July 1, 2022):
 - State Aid: \$4,504,001 (\$1 million increase from FY22)
 - REAL Funding (MOREnet): \$3,109,250 (same as FY22)
 - Athletes and Entertainers: \$3,250,000 (this is considered fully funded and is the first time it has ever happened. FY22 libraries received \$800,000)
- Jeana attended the Amendment to 32st TIF public hearing on July 7 at City Hall.

STATISTICS: There was discussion of door count.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: Ms. Baldwin reported on her first Secretary's Council on Library Development meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. as the Board voted 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, 15 August 2022.