

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
15 AUGUST 2022**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Emily Stanley, Barbara Hicklin, David Layne, and Jean Coltharp, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Lisa Erickson and Jennifer Baldwin.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

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

VOUCHERS: July non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$74,826.46 were approved. **(Fleischaker/Layne) 6/0**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Report on irrigation system.** IT Manager Justin Kelly reported that the irrigation system replacement was completed a week prior. Watering now takes two days to complete, one less than before, and he has enabled an application so watering will be delayed or increased depending on the weather. The system has a two year warranty.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. FY 2023 Tax levy hearing.** Jeana reported that, per the calculations from the state auditor and county clerk's office, the FY 2023 levy will increase by .0006 cents, to be collected at .2459 cents per \$100 valuation. Ms. Hicklin made a motion to approve the tax levy at .2459 cents, seconded by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **6/0** Joplin City Council will hold a public hearing on August 22 for their three property tax levies, plus the Library's. Jeana will attend.
- 3. Goals for the library director.** Board Members discussed potential goals for the Library Director for the coming year.
- 4. Bereavement leave policy.** Jeana shared a revised Compassion Leave policy and asked to change the name of the policy to Bereavement Leave to better reflect its use. There was discussion about changing "Immediate family is defined as.." to "Immediate family includes..." and replacing "fiancé" with "domestic partner." Ms. Stanley made a motion to approve the policy with the discussed changes, effective today; second by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **6/0**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- Summer Reading
 - On July 20, [The Joplin Globe](#) listed the ending celebration in the “5 things to do this weekend” section.
 - On July 24, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared a photograph from the ending celebration.
- On July 27, [The Joplin Globe](#) listed the Book Swap at Coley’s Cookie Co. in the “5 things to do this weekend” section.
- On August 1, Newstalk [KZRG](#) shared a story about the Library accepting Writers’ Faire applications during August.
- On August 2, Jeana appeared on KSN’s [Living Well](#) and talked about the Movie Night Take Home event.
- The August 2022 edition of Show Me the Ozarks magazine’s Faces & Places section features the 120/5 Year Anniversary Celebration.

Programs

- The Summer Reading ending celebration took place Saturday, July 23, from 3 to 5 pm. It was an all-ages event with 465 in attendance.
- The Library’s Summer Meals collaboration with Joplin Schools wrapped up August 13. The collaboration provided almost 900 meals!
- On August 6, Christina Matekel-Gibson and Allie Jones represented the Library at the annual Emancipation Park Days celebration from 5 to 7 pm.

Building and Grounds

- Jeana is working with RE Smith to order and replace the damaged circular windows in the Children’s Department.

Miscellaneous

- Jeana shared an update on the Bramlage-Willcoxon funded targeted postcard campaign that has been directed at over 2,000 non library card holders. As of August 6, 538 individuals had registered for library cards.
- First-year KCU medical students volunteered at the Library on July 20. Thanks to Lisa Brown for coordinating their visit.
- Representatives from the Economic Security Corporation and the Joplin Job Center staff a table in the Library’s Lobby on the third Friday of each month, from 1 to 3 pm. In July, they were able to help two individuals find a place to stay.

STATISTICS: No discussion.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Written by

Library Director

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, 19 September 2022.