

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
21 AUGUST 2023**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Andrea Cullers, Emily Stanley, Jim Fleischaker, Jean Coltharp, David Layne, Jennifer Baldwin and Diane Reid Adams, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Lisa Erickson.

BOARD EDUCATION: Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow presented a wrap-up of the Library's all-ages 2023 Summer Reading Program.

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin to approve the minutes as amended, with a second by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **7/0** Minutes from the July 2023 closed session were reviewed. There was a motion by Mr. Fleischaker to approve the minutes as presented, with a second by Dr. Coltharp. Motion passed. **7/0**

VOUCHERS: July non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$46,895.75 were approved. **(Fleischaker/Layne) 7/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Budget and Finance.** Mr. Layne reported on the meeting that preceded the Board meeting. He previewed the proposed FY24 budget that Jeana had prepared. Next month the committee will meet again to review the remainder of the budget and present it to the entire Board for a vote.
- 2. Friends of the Library.** Ms. Stanley reported that the Friends group met last week. Plans are proceeding for the after-hours Trivia Night, which will be held Sept. 23 at the Library. There are sponsorships available for the different rounds, and Arvest Bank will be the event sponsor. Local news caster Mike Olmstead will serve as the emcee. Additionally, the annual membership meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 5:30 p.m., at the Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Public services policies.** The Board continued to review the policies. Ms. Stanley made a motion to approve all of Section C, with a second by Mr. Fleischaker; the motion passed. **7/0** There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin to approve Section E, with a second by Mr. Layne; the motion passed. **7/0** Mr. Fleischaker made a motion to approve the section on

Epidemics as changed, with a second by Mr. Layne; the motion passed. **7/0** Ms. Stanley made a motion to approve the section entitled “Photography and Recording,” with a second by Dr. Reid Adams; the motion passed. **7/0**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Signatory resolution.** The resolution details who may sign official documents on behalf of the Board, and in what order, thus allowing business to be conducted. It must be amended each time a new Board Member is appointed. There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin to approve the resolution, with a second by Mr. Fleischaker. The motion passed. **7/0**
2. **Tax Levy Hearing.** The Library held its annual tax levy hearing regarding what it’s estimated to receive in real estate taxes next year. The Board is required to vote to set the tax levy. Dr. Cullers made a motion to approve the rate at .2459, with a second by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **7/0**

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT:

Media Engagement

- Summer Reading at JPL
 - On July 19, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared about the Ending Celebration event in the “Five things to do this weekend” section.
 - On July 22, [KSN](#) and [KOAM](#) aired stories about the Ending Celebration.
- On August 1, I shared about the Library of Things on [KSN](#)’s Living Well.
- On August 9, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared about the Library accepting Writers’ Faire applications through the end of August.
- On August 10, Lori Crockett shared about the Writers’ Faire and Back to School resources on [KODE](#)’s Good Morning Four States.

Programs

- July’s Book Swap at Chaos Brewing was quite popular, with 34 enthusiastic attendees.
- Post Art Library and JPL welcomed visiting author Sean Fitzgibbon to the Library on August 8. Fitzgibbon discussed his nonfiction graphic novel, *What Follows is True: Crescent Hotel*, and signed books. The event had 26 attendees. An art exhibit featuring Fitzgibbon’s original artwork is located in the Local History gallery.

New & Upcoming

- The Library has added a new database called [Creativebug](#). It features art and craft video classes for adults and kids, taught by recognized design experts and artists. Topics include fiber and paper arts, jewelry making, sewing and quilting, food, home, and much more. Cardholders can create a free account using your JPL card and enjoy unlimited access to instructional videos, patterns and more. Classes are available for all skill levels, and you can learn a craft at your own pace, with new content added weekly.
- Thanks to help from Val Frankoski, Library staff and volunteers will be installing a pollinator garden next month. This project started as a partnership between MOCaps

students in the early spring. Planting help from community members would be appreciated on Monday, September 18, time to be determined.

Miscellaneous

- A pretrial hearing for Larry Hart is scheduled for September 5, at 9 am.

STATISTICS: There was discussion of statistics.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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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, 18 September 2023.