



The Thursday, January 9, 2024, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Jesse Lobbs, Chair. Present were board members Jesse Lobbs, Heather Caswell, Caron Daugherty, Steve Younger, Scott Capes, Alex Mosakowski, Sarah Wyrick; City Commissioner Susan Brinkman; Friends of the Library Liaison Harvey Foyle, Director Pauline Stacchini.

The Board approved the agenda. (MSP Capes/Mosakowski 8-0)

Public Comment: none

Consent Agenda: The Board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Wyrick/Daugherty 8-0)

Treasurer's Report:

Financials for December 2024 were presented by Treasurer Younger. Audit is scheduled for next Tuesday. Treasurer's Report approved (MSP Younger/Capes 8-0)

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Director's report: A consortium of libraries has established new guidelines for Kansas Public Libraries. The Library Board will discuss individual sections over the next several months. Up first: Governance and Administration.

Stacchini provided an update on grants received, anticipated and applied for. A grant to provide space for a teen graphic novel area would require the purchase of comfortable furniture seating. Motion was made to approve spending up to \$5000 from capital outlay for furniture for the teen graphic novel area, pending award of the grant. (MSP Daugherty/Mosakowski 8-0).

Sunflower eLibrary Consortium agreement: The annual MOU was presented. (MSP Daugherty/Capes 8-0)

Friends Report: Harvey Foyle reported on a budget meeting. FOL gave EPL \$30,000 in 2024. Three more First Fridays are planned. Spring book sale will be April 4-9. Match

Day raised \$11,000 for the Children's area. Foyle praised the FOL board for their willingness to work and spend money.

Board Comment: Brinkman reported the City Commission has assigned Becky Smith to be Commissioner on the Library Board for the next term. Daugherty expressed appreciation for the library's cooperation with a resume workshop. Lobbs reminded Board members to complete the evaluation of the Director. Mosakowski and his children enjoyed the Noon Years Eve Celebration.

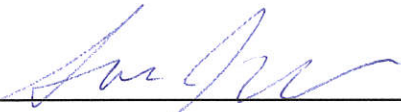
The meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.m.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, Secretary



Board Chair



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