



The April 14, 2022, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Andrew Smith, Board Chair. Those present were board Melinda Chiroy, Carol Lucy, Dawn Moews, Andrew Smith, Steve Younger; Robin Newell, Library Director; and Brenda Mawdsley, Friends of the Library Liaison.

The board approved the agenda. (MSP Lucy/Chiroy 5/0)

Public Comment

The board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Chiroy/Younger 5/0)

Treasurer's Report

Steve Younger presented the March 2020 treasurer's report. The board approved the treasurer's report and payment of the March 2020 bills. (MSP Younger/Chiroy 5/0)

Unfinished Business

The sign project is continuing. The contractor and the sign company have all the permits necessary to begin working. First, the flag pole must be moved. The city will examine and make any necessary changes to the irrigation after the hole is prepared for the sign. The flag company is hoping to have the sign in the ground by the end of May

New Business

Steve Younger presented the proposed 2023 draft budget. This is a proposal presented with recommendation of the approval of the 2023 draft budget, and, therefore, does not require a separately motion from the board. (MSP Finance Committee 5/0)

Robin reported on the status of the Executive Director Search Committee. They have met and have requested some additional information from some of the candidates. As soon as that information is submitted, the committee will evaluate the new information and select candidates who will be invited for a video interview. At that time, the pool of applicants will be sorted into the top 2 or 3 who will be invited for a personal interview.

Friends of the Library Report

Robin Newell reported on the projects of the FOL. Of course, the first one is the library fine, a project the FOL selected 2 years ago.

The FOL will be applying for Match Day.

The Book Sale went very well, but the total funds will be reported on at a later date. The next Book Sale will be in September. Once again emphasis is given on the FOL's continuing appreciation of the use of the building which is currently housing the FOL books and materials.

Local law enforcement approached the FOL asking if they could be given some books for inmates to read. This was approved by the organization and officers came to the book sale early and were give 2 full boxes of books.

The organization's books have been successfully audited.

The FOL is pursuing some type of liability insurance that can be purchased during the time that the building will be available to them.

The FOL purchased gifts to be given to the staff for staff appreciation day.

Board Comment

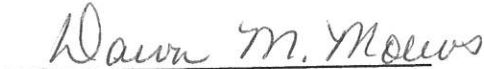
Smith thanked the Friends of the Library for their contribution of books for the jail. This is an important connection between the staff and the community, making sure that the FOL will make every effort to assist the city with library needs. Smith also noted that in reading the various reports from the staff, he was struck by the number of collaborations and work putting extended connections the FOL, the library, and the communities served by the library in place.

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Andrew Smith at 4:50 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.



(Board Chair)



(Board Secretary)