



The Thursday May 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, Scott Capes, Caron Daugherty, Sarah Wyrick, Heather Caswell, Steve Younger; City Commissioner Susan Brinkman; Harvey Foyle (FOL); Director Pauline Stacchini; Guests: Eric Kientz (Auditor), Kendra Spade (Assistant Director of Operations) and Kimberlee Cook (Assistant Director of Access Services).

The Board approved the agenda.(MSP Capes/Brinkman 6-0)

Public Comment: none

The Board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Younger/Brinkman 6-0)

Treasurer's Report: Younger presented the financials for April. Approved (MSP Caswell/Daugherty 7-0)

Unfinished Business:

- a. Audit 2023—Eric Kientz of Kientz & Penick reviewed the 2023 audit. Board moved to accept the audit as presented. (MSP Younger/Capes 7-0)
- b. Board appointments: The City Commission will interview candidates next week.

New Business:

- a. Staff presentation—Kimberlee Cook, Assistant Director of Access Services, introduced herself and explained in detail what Access Services includes: collections and circulation; technology; partnerships related to technology; leadership, as part of a 3-person team.
- b. Director's report—Stacchini reported on her current activities as they relate to her job description.
- c. Review undated Public Comment Policy. Commissioner Brinkman and others voiced concerns about the inability of the board to react or respond to public comments. Stacchini will discuss the issue with the policy committee and present an updated policy at a future meeting.
- d. Review updated Circulation Policy (MSP Daugherty/Brinkman 6-0)
- e. Facilities projects; Capital Outlay expenditure (MSP Brinkman/Young 6-0)

- f. New printing prices to begin 07/01/2024.
- g. Worm Race Judge needed 06/18/2024 10-11 a.m. Capes volunteered.


Friends Report– Foyle reported that Friends will test participation in Emporia First Friday on June 7 from 5-8 p.m. Fall book sale dates are October 18-23. Brinkman shared that the Square is able to process additional donations at checkout time; she volunteered to help FOL program the technology. FOL will pick up a large book donation from Olpe. Good times to drop off book donations are Tuesdays 9-12, Wednesdays 1-3, Thursdays 9-11:30 and 1-3. On May 14, the Emporia Community Foundation will announce the Match Day participants.

Board Comment: None


The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, Secretary



Board Chair



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