

The January 14, 2021, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order on zoom at 4:30 p.m. by Andrew Smith, Chair. Those present were board members Katie Bacon, Barbara Ehr, Rob Gilligan, Carol Heitman-Lucy, Dawn Moews, and Andrew Smith; Robin Newell, Executive Library Director, McKenzie Gulick, Assistant Director; and Brenda Mawdsley, FOL representative.

The board approved the agenda. (MSP Heitman-Lucy/Bacon 6/0)

The board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Ehr/Heitman-Lucy 6/0)

### **Treasurer's Report**

Barbara Ehr presented the December, 2020, treasurer's report. The board approved the treasurer's report and payment of the December, 2020, bills. (MSP Moews/Bacon 6/0)

### **Unfinished Business**

The Strategic Plan remains in committee.

### **New Business**

Rob Gilligan, City of Emporia Mayor, was formally welcomed to the Library Board of Emporia as Ex-Officio member.

The board approved the Civil Rights Certificate for Kansas Public Library State Report [this document is certified yearly to assure that the library will follow all federal laws. This satisfies a requirement to receive state and/or federal funds.] (MSP Heitman-Lucy/Ehr 6/0)

The board approved the Revised 2021 budget as presented. (MSP Bacon/Gilligan 6/0)

The board approved the Epidemic/Pandemic Policy. (MSP Heitman-Lucy/Ehr 6/0)

The board approved the Collection Development Policy. (MSP Ehr/Heitman-Lucy 6/0)

The board approved extension of the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) benefits. The extension was set to expire on 12/31/20. The extension through the first quarter of the fiscal year will allow staff to continue to have access to Covid benefits. (MSP Heitman-Lucy/Bacon 6/0)

The library is currently continuing to offer the curbside pickup of library materials in addition to being open for patrons to browse collections and make selections without using the electronic card catalog. The library will be delivering materials to the Horizon Plaza outreach

location this week while other locations continue using the electronic catalog to make their selections and then pick them up at the library. All materials being returned to the library continue to be quarantined for a period of 9 days.

Director Newell has been reaching out to prospective board members. There will be two vacancies: Barb Ehr will not reapply for her 4-year term; and Katie Bacon has notified the board she will retire from the board, requiring a replacement to complete 1 year of her term.

### **Friends of the Library Report**

Brenda Mawdsley reported that the Friends of the Library currently have 114 members and 117 life members. January is when many people renew their memberships in conjunction with the annual meeting. The annual meeting being held via Zoom on January 25, 2021 has the following on the agenda: Election of Officers: The following slate will be presented— President -- Dee Schwinn, Vice President: Becky Sellers, Secretary -- Harvey Foyle, Treasurer -- Michael Lang; approval will be given to new applicants for the board; and the Super Friend will be announced.

### **Board Comment**


Newell will check with the city to see if they want to have the annual joint luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, February 10. If not, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

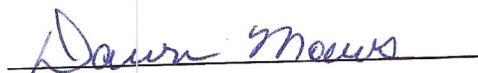
### **Public Comment**

None

The meeting was adjourned by Andrew Smith at 5:15 p.m.

**Confirmation of the next board meeting will be sent.**

  
(Board Chair)

  
(Board Secretary)