



The Thursday, July 13, 2023, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Jesse Lobbs, Chair. Those present were board members Scott Capes, Heather Caswell, Caron Daugherty, Susan Brinkman, Jesse Lobbs, Sarah Wyrick, and Steve Younger; Library Director Pauline Stacchini, Friends of the Library liaison Harvey Foyle, and library assistant Erin Livingston.

The board approved the agenda. (MSP Capes/Brinkman 7/0)

The board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Caswell/Capes 7/0)

The board approved the treasurer's report. (MSP Younger/Daugherty 7/0)

Unfinished Business: Regarding a 2024 budget update, Pauline reported that final numbers from the Lyon County Commission will come in August.

New Business

Erin Livingston, full-time library assistant, presented a summary of all she does working just 30 hours a week. She also shared her many outside interests and volunteer efforts.

The board directory, included in the packet, needs updating again (see next item). It was pointed out that the policy committee currently has 5 members, meaning that their meetings would be in violation of the open meetings act. This will be addressed when the board has been finalized. Volunteers are being solicited.

Dawn Moews's resignation from the board was regrettably accepted. (MSP Capes/Daugherty 7-0). Caron suggested that Senator Longbine or Representative Schrieber be asked to issue a proclamation acknowledging Dawn's 20 years of service on the library board. Pauline will check on this. There was also mention of a proclamation from the City of Emporia.

Director's report

Stacchini recently attended the American Library Association annual conference in Chicago. That group voted to renew its endorsement of the Freedom to Read statement. After presentation of the statement, Daugherty was "honored to move that the Emporia Library Board endorse the statement." Motion was seconded by Brinkman and passed unanimously. (MSP Daugherty/Brinkman 7-0)

Stacchini reported on the status of achieving her goals for the year, at the 6-months mark. She is interviewing for a new youth coordinator. Facilities issues include maintenance, the book locker, internet & server upgrades. Outreach efforts include a patron survey, upgrading the Spanish language collection, and marketing. She is trying to get USD 253 to automatically issue an EPL library card to every student. The superintendent gave her the impression that "this is not a high priority." USD 252 (Southern Lyon County) is much more receptive to the idea.

Friends of the Library Report

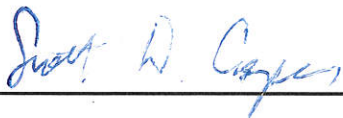
Foyle reported the Friends of the Library will hold a Flash Sale July 21 & 22, from 9 to 5. They are looking into a banner or sign to put out during book sales. The fall book sale will be November 4-9. The FOL board is working on an audit.

Public Comment—none

Board Comment—none

Chair Jesse Lobbs adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 4:15 p.m.



(Board Chair)



(Board Secretary)