



The Thursday January 11, 2024, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:15 by Jesse Lobbs, Chair. Present were board members Jesse Lobbs, Scott Capes, Sarah Wyrick, Steve Younger, Caron Daugherty, Heather Caswell (via zoom), Harvey Foyle (FOL), Susan Brinkman (representing the City Commission); and Library Director Pauline Stacchini.

The Board approved the agenda (MSP Capes/Younger 5-0)

Public Comment: none

The Board approved the consent agenda, as amended to include correction of a name in the minutes. (MSP Capes/Younger 5-0)

Treasurer's Report: Younger reported on income and expenses for 2023. Results are pretty close to budget. Meeting with the auditor is next week. Younger recommended acceptance of the financials for December. Stacchini pointed out that the maintenance contract for 2024 should be paid out of the 2023 budget, with the savings from personnel expenses to return to historical processes. (MSP Younger/Capes 6-0)

Unfinished Business:

- a. Review Gift and Memorial Policy: Accepted after minimal discussion. (MSP Younger/Capes 6-0)
- b. Review Emergency Succession Policy; Accepted after minimal discussion. (MSP Daugherty/Capes 6-0)
- c. 2024 Budget Update, Stacchini pointed out minor changes in 2024 budget. No action required.

New Business:

- a. Director's Report: Lyon Co Law Library sent an MOU just before meeting time. After Stacchini peruses it, the Library Board will review and act on it at the Feb meeting.
- b. Brinkman reported that in our system of government, the Mayor cannot appoint a representative to attend the Library Board on their behalf. The City Commission is working to amend this, so that the Mayor can appoint a representative who can vote. We will have to update our bylaws to reflect this change.

- c. Stacchini is having conversations with staff about what “customer service” means.
- d. Stacchini initiated a strategic planning discussion around the question: “What kind of community do you want? How can the library be part of change?” Thoughts were shared.
- e. Booklocker status: Regarding the MOU with the City of Emporia, the City attorney and the Library’s attorney have made recommendations. The MOU was accepted: (MSP Wyrick/Capes 6.0)

Friends Report: Foyle provided an update on the status of the Friends’ 501c3. He praised Ruth Gutierrez and her team for their book sorting, which involves nearly 100 hours per month of volunteer effort. The annual meeting is Jan 22 at 5:00. There will be a one day sale Feb 10 from 9-3. Paperback Romances will be two for a dollar. There was discussion about FOL possibly hiring a part-time development officer.


Board Comment: Wyrick complimented Pauline on information outreach. The January 9 Emporia Gazette had an extensive article about activities for adults at the Library; and the Main Street newsletter included details about this month’s story walk downtown. She shared a patron’s comment that she is happy with the kinds of books the library is ordering.

Stacchini said the Library will instigate a “skip the line” collection later this month.

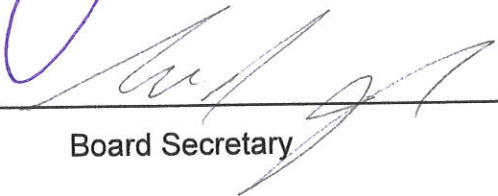
Looking at recommended book lists The meeting was adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, Secretary



Board Chair



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