

The May 12, 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 Scott Capes, Melinda Chiroy, Dawn Moews, Andrew Smith, and Steve Younger; Robin Newell, Library Director.

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

### **Public Comment**

None

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

# Treasurer's Report

Steve Younger presented the April 2022 treasurer's report. The board approved the treasurer's report and payment of the April 2022 bills. (MSP Younger/Capes 5/0)

#### **Unfinished Business**

The sign project has cleared all the city's requirements. The sign company has assured Newell that the sign will be in place and working by the end of the month. There will be a training next week by personnel from the sign company on how to post information, etc. Four persons from the library staff will be taking the training so that there are multiple people knowledgeable who can change information as warranted.

The landscaper has started the process of changing the grounds immediately next to the library doors into a hard scape. However, he has notified he will not be doing any other work without additional people. The plan is to have work completed by end of the first week of June. Larry Dedonder has been very generous with his time.

Capes reported that the Library Director search committee has a candidate coming on May 24. There will be an opportunity for Board and search committee members are invited to lunch with the candidate, please RSVP with the business manager. The community presentation will be open to all.

The Joint City/Library Board luncheon will be June 1, 2022, at noon in the Civic Center Conference room 1 AB. Board members are asked to RSVP.

#### **New Business**

The library will host an open house in honor of Newell's retirement. It is a drop-in event on May 20, from 1-4.

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## Friends of the Library Report

Dawn Moews gave a brief report on the April Friends of the Library meeting. As of April 25, 2022, there are 103 FOL paid members. The FOL presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the library. The FOL are pleased to know that the Charlie Cart has arrived and already been used once in the community. The cart is currently scheduled to be used twice a month, once in the library and once as an outreach program.

The group discussed future book sales and the possibilities of tying Match Day and the Book Sale proceeds together for a major project. This has been successful in the past years. The next book sale will be from Saturday, October 15, through Thursday, October 20.

The Kids Koncerts will be held every Wednesday in June, starting on June 1. They will be held at noon in the library courtyard.

### **Board Comment**

Newell noted that the auditing documents have been sent out. They will come up for approval in June.

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Smith at 5:01 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

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