



The Thursday, May 11, 2023, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:21 p.m. by Caron Daugherty, Board Chair. Those present were Board members Becky Smith (standing in for Susan Brinkman), Scott Capes, Caron Daugherty, Jesse Lobbs, Sarah Wyrick, Steve Younger; Pauline Stacchini, Library Executive Director.

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

### **Public Comment**

None

The board approved the consent agenda, with updated spelling of Daugherty's name in the minutes for April 13, 2023. (MSP Wyrick/Capes 5/0)

### **Treasurer's Report**

Steve Younger presented the April 2023 treasurer's report. Younger noted that Item 5904: Marketing was higher than usual to allow for the summer newsletters. He commented on the ECF reports being shared at this meeting only require periodic review as they are long-term investments, subject to market fluctuation. Wyrick had some questions about how endowments work. The board approved the treasurer's report and payment of the April 2023 bills. (MSP Younger/Capes 5/0)

### **Unfinished Business**

Stacchini shared that a location at Peter Pan Park had been selected for the booklockers. The City of Emporia will be drawing up a Memorandum of Understanding to parcel out responsibilities of each group toward maintaining the booklockers.

Stacchini presented the updated budget, which included a 7% Ad Valorem property tax increase, based on City Manager Cocking's recommendation. This budget featured the "living wage" increase proposed at the last meeting, and will be used to request additional funding from Lyon County in June. The board approved the new budget as presented (MSP Wyrick/Lobbs 5/0)

## New Business

- a. Elections. Based on self-nominations, the following slate of candidates was presented: Lobbs as Chair (MSP Capes/Daugherty 5/0), Capes as Vice-Chair, Wyrick as Secretary, and Younger as Treasurer. Capes moved to amend to have an entire slate voted on instead of individual role-votes; Younger seconded.
- b. EPL Staff presentation. Public Services Librarian Chenault provided a brief overview of her duties.
- c. Director's Report.
  - i. Facilities update: new fans in the Meeting Room, automatic door replacement delayed to end August 2023, vision for an enhanced children's room shared.
  - ii. Strategic Plan brainstorm: CM Cocking asked for feedback about points of friction between EPL and City. Cited challenges included being blindsided by the City's Strategic Planning goal (lack of communication), duplication of services (payroll), expansion/new library facility, custodial agreement, and share of maintenance costs.
  - iii. Good news: EPL was awarded a \$3,000 Dollar General Summer Reading Grant.

## Friends of the Library Report

Stacchini shared that FOL had selected updated shelving/children's area for their Match Day project.

## Board Comment

Chair Daugherty thanked Stacchini and her team for working with FHTC's library and making EPL materials available for borrowing for students and faculty.

Capes informed the Board he would be absent from June meeting.

Younger inquired about Carnegie status; Stacchini shared she had not heard any solid plans from the City either way. Stacchini will let facilities know that she had received feedback on the Carnegie grounds.

Lobbs thanked Stacchini for her presentation of proclamations to City and County Commissions for National Library Week, at a time when libraries are under attack.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Daugherty at 5:48 p.m.

**The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 4:15 p.m.**

  
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(Board Chair)



  
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