



The Thursday, October 12, 2023, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:15 by Jesse Lobbs, Chair. Present were board members, Heather Caswell, Susan Brinkman, Sarah Wyrick, Bobbie Sartin Long, Caron Daugherty and Steve Younger; Library Director Pauline Stacchini, and Library Assistant Rosa Lee Waterman.

The Board approved the agenda (MSP Wyrick/Brinkman 6-0)

Public Comment: none

The Board approved the consent agenda, including minutes and reports. (MSP Brinkman/Caswell, 6-0)

Younger reported that spending was on target for the year; slightly higher spending in personnel category due to vacancies being filled. Stacchini shared that \$120,716.93 was transferred from the general budget to capital outlay, per September's Board Meeting direction. The Board accepted the financials for September. (MSP Younger, Daugherty 6-0)

Unfinished Business

The new assistant director now oversees the booklocker installation.

Additional corrections have been made to the Board Directory; a final version will be shared as a follow up to the board meeting.

New Business

Staff Presentation: Rosa Lee Waterman has been employed at Emporia Public Library for 18 years. Previously she had wide experience in schools and public libraries. Currently she does customer service, large print and audiobook selection, microfilm and periodicals management, Kansas Room management, and technology assistance. This is just a partial summary of all she does.

Director's report

Strategic Plan: Pauline suggested instead of a formal "strategic plan," we instead offer a "pledge"—a solemn promise to the community to fulfill our mission. It would include mission and vision statements, a technology plan, a facilities plan, etc.. There was discussion about semantics. The strategic planning committee will meet to discuss this further.

Maintenance Contract: An agreement between the library and the city was included in the board packet. (MSP Younger/Daugherty 6-0)

Lyon County Law Library Proposal: The director of the Lyon County Law Library, who is retiring, approached Pauline about EPL absorbing the services of the Law Library. She and Pauline worked out a proposal, but the board of the Law Library does not seem to be interested.

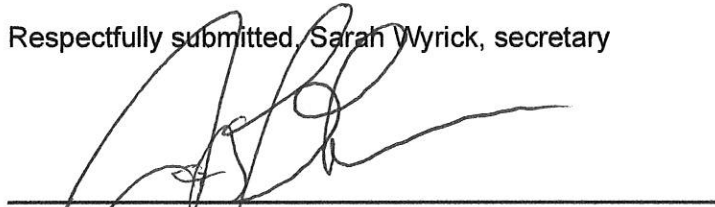
Friends Report: Harvey Foyle was absent. Sarah gave a brief report.

Board Comment: none.

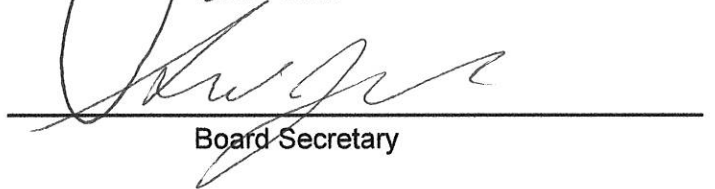
The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.

The next board meeting date/time will be Thursday, November 9, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, secretary



Board Chair



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