



The Thursday, June 8, 2023 meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Jesse Lobbs, Board Chair. Those present were Jesse Lobbs, Heather Caswell, Caron Daugherty, Steve Younger, Dawn Moews, Sarah Wyrick; Library Executive Director Pauline Stacchini, FOL Liaison Harvey Foyle, City representative Susan Brinkman.

The board approved the consent agenda (MSP Wyrick/Daugherty 6-0)

Lisa Keith, Zoo Director, presented information about the governance structure of the zoo and Friends of the Zoo, which has strictly a fundraising function. The zoo is a city department, and they have a great relationship.

City strategic planning. Jesse reported on the meeting with City Manager Trey Cocking. Also present at that meeting were Commissioner Becky Smith, Library board members Sarah Wyrick and Jesse Lobbs, Director Pauline Stacchini and business manager Kendra Spade. Jesse had thoughts about what becoming a city department might look like, and what the library board and city can do to better communicate and support each other. Options include staying independent, becoming a city department, or something in between.

Pauline pointed out that zoos and libraries are very different. There is no city entity that corresponds exactly to the relationship that can exist between a library and city government. It was suggested to talk to other libraries that have either transitioned to becoming a city department, and to some that are leaving the city and becoming independent.

Treasurer's report: Steve Younger noted that nothing exciting or noteworthy has happened in the last month. There were some expenses due to computer maintenance. (Motion made, seconded and passed 6-0)

Unfinished Business:

The following appointments were made to standing committees:

Budget/Finance—Steve, Scott, Jesse, Pauline

Building and Grounds—Susan, Sarah, Jesse, Pauline

Personnel—Scott, Caron, Jesse, Pauline

Policy—Heather, Caron, Dawn, Scott, Jesse, Pauline

Strategic Planning—Heather, Susan, Jesse, Pauline

Note: Jesse as chair, and Pauline as director, are on each committee

Liaison to Friends of the Library—Sarah

Friends of the Library Liaison to the Board—Harvey Foyle

NCKLS Representative: Heather Caswell

New business—Gloria Jurado, youth services assistant, presented the extremely extensive work that the children’s department does.

Directors Report—Pauline gave a brief summary of summer programming, for both children and adults. She offered documents to help staff and board members answer programming challenges from the public.

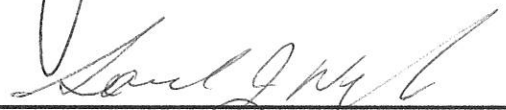
Friends of the Library Report—Harvey attends the summer kids’ concerts, and makes a pitch for joining Friends. With the money they expect to receive from Match Day this year, they plan to buy an awning for the book van, at a cost of about \$15k. There will be a flash used book sale July 21-22. A FOL board member objected to the library hosting a Queer Book Club, on the grounds that Friends purchases books for book clubs, and thus has standing to object. Pauline reminded us that the mission of FOL is to support the library, not to direct the library. She will send documents to which staff and board members can refer, to answer complaints they might receive from the public.

Chair Jesse Lobbs adjourned the meeting at 5:46 pm.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 4:15 p.m.



(Board Chair)



(Board Secretary)