

The Thursday August 8, 2024, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Jesse Lobbs, Chair. Present were board members Jesse Lobbs, Heather Caswell, Steve Younger, Scott Capes, Alex Mosakowski, Sarah Wyrick; City Commissioner Susan Brinkman; Director Pauline Stacchini.

The Board approved the agenda. (MSP Capes/Brinkman 7-0)

Public Comment: none

The Board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Brinkman/Mosakowski 7-0)

**Treasurer's Report**: Younger presented the financials for July. Approved (MSP Younger/Capes 7-0)

## **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Review new Service Animal Policy. (MSP Brinkman/Mosakowski 8-0)
- b. Review minor correction to Unattended Child Policy. (MSP Wyrick/Caswell 8-0)

## **New Business:**

Director's report: Stacchini met with USD 253 librarians about BRAINFUSE: HELPNOW, and the benefits it provides. To use the program, students will need to have an Emporia Public Library card. She is working toward a Memorandum of Understanding with USD 253 that will enable students to sign up for a library card during online enrollment. EPL will visit the Flint Hills Learning Center to share information about the same next week.

The library's website has been redesigned, to reflect the information that is searched for most often at the top of the site.

Stacchini is working on implementing a new website calendar.

**Friends Report:** In the absence of liaison Harvey Foyle, Caswell reported that the Friends had discussed membership pricing concerns, sales flyers, membership documents. The second participation in First Friday was again a success. The Board wants to continue this partnership. They plan to start giving away videos with a book

purchase, as there is an overabundance. A contractor has been retained to pour the concrete pad and build the shelter for the book lockers.

**Board Comment-** Caswell and Stacchini will attend the NCKLS meeting in Manhattan on August 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, Secretary

**Board Chair** 

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