



The March 11, 2021, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order on Zoom at 4:40 p.m. by Melinda Chiroy, Vice Chair. Those present were board members Katie Bacon, Melinda Chiroy, Barbara Ehr, and Dawn Moews; Andrew Smith and Carol Lucy joined the meeting at 4:41 and 4:42 respectively; Robin Newell, Executive Library Director, McKenzie Gulick, Assistant Library Director; and Brenda Mawdsley, Friends of the Library liaison. Board member Rob Gilligan joined by phone.

The board approved the agenda. (MSP Chiroy-Ehr 6/0)

Public Comment

None

The board approved the consent agenda with consideration of the policy committee report being moved to new business. (MSP Bacon/Lucy 6/0)

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Ehr presented the February, 2021, treasurer's report. The board approved the treasurer's report and payment of the February, 2021, bills. (MSP Lucy/Bacon 6/0)

Unfinished Business

The Strategic Plan remains in committee.

The board approved the Epidemic/Pandemic Policy including necessary editorial and formatting changes. (MSP Bacon/Smith 6/0)

The board approved the Circulation Policy including necessary editorial and formatting changes. (MSP Bacon/Lucy 6/0)

The board approved the Public Comment Policy including necessary editorial and formatting changes. (MSP Bacon/Chiroy 6/0)

The board approved the policy committee report as amended. (MSP Bacon/Lucy 6/0)

New Business

The board approved changing the date and time of the September board meeting date and time from September 9, 2021, at 4:30 to September 8, 2021 at noon in order to accommodate the joint city/library board meeting. (MSP Lucy/Bacon 6/0)

Friends of the Library Report

Brenda Mawdsley reported that 72 members have renewed their Friends of the Library membership. At the February Friends of the Library Board meeting, a bylaws revision was passed to allow business to be conducted through means other than physical presence, i.e., Zoom meetings, phone connections to meetings, etc. Preliminary discussions of the 2021 Emporia Community Foundation Match Day were held. The Friends of the Library has continuing concerns about the shortage of space for storage and preparation of activities and programs. The board is exploring ideas for activities for the coming year.


Smith expressed the board's appreciation of the Friends of the Library's continued support, especially given the challenges of the pandemic.

Board Comment


Newell reported that two potential board members had been interviewed by the city commission. Action will be taken at the March 17, 2021, meeting. If they are approved by the commission, their new terms will start on May 1, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned by Andrew Smith at 5:12 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.



(Board Chair)



(Board Secretary)