

The Thursday, December 12, 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 Becky Smith; Friends of the Library Liaison Harvey Foyle, Director Pauline Stacchini.

The Board approved the agenda. (MSP Capes/Smith 6-0)

Public Comment: none

Consent Agenda: The Board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Mosakowski/Wyrick 6-0)

Treasurer's Report:

Financials for November 2024 were presented by Treasurer Younger. Treasurer's Report approved (MSP Smith/Mosakowski 6-0)

Unfinished Business:

Review new Reserving Library Spaces Policy: New policy approved. (MSP Capes/Mosakowski 6-0)

New Business:

Director's report: Stacchini led the board on a facilities tour, pointing out cosmetic improvements and space usage changes. She also guided us through the updated web page. She reviewed Customer Service, Collections, Library Services, and Technology achievements from 2022-24. In addition, she listed services in the same areas planned for 2025 and beyond.

Friends Report: Harvey Foyle reported a historical increase in used books sales, from \$900 in 1975 to \$10,000 now. Feb. 7 will be another First Friday, with a Flash Sale the next day. He urged us to recognize the many volunteers who put in extended hours to benefit the library.

Board Comment: In response to Director Stacchini's information about past achievements and future plans, members expressed hope for children's picture books to be front-facing; for children's non-fiction to have more specific labels; for adult and young adult graphic novels to be displayed separately; for the Library Board list to be updated on the web page. Lobbs announced that the Personnel Committee will be meeting soon for Stacchini's annual evaluation. Members commented on events they had attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, Secretary

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