



The February 10, 2022, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board Chair Andrew Smith. Those present were board Scott Capes, Melinda Chiroy, Caron Daugherty, Carol Lucy, Dawn Moews, Andrew Smith, Becky Smith, and Steve Younger; Brenda Mawdsley, FOL Liaison; Robin Newell, Library Director, and Julie Mills, Assistant Director.

Andrew Smith requested changing the agenda by moving item 8, Friends of the Library report, to follow item 5, Treasurer's report. The board approved the changed agenda. (MSP Lucy/Capes 7/0)

Public Comment

None

The board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Capes/Lucy 7/0)

Treasurer's Report

Steve Younger presented the January 2022 treasurer's report. Younger called attention to the \$7,000 payment by the city. This is a one-time payment for half the cost of the mold abatement in the basement. The board expressed our thank you to the city for this payment. The board approved the treasurer's report and payment of the January 2022 bills. (MSP Younger/Lucy 7/0)

Friends of the Library Report

Mawdsley reported that the FOL has a full slate of officers: President, Eugene Graber; Vice President, Mary Beth Jansen; Secretary, Harvey Foyle; Treasurer, Michael Lang. The organization has approved their 2022 budget including a payment of \$20,000 to the library. They have been given permission to set up a display at the Farmer's Markets this spring and summer.

Unfinished Business

The Strategic Plan remains in committee.

The 2022 Maintenance Contract has been completed.

The Digital Sign Project is moving through channels for final approvals. It will be on the February 15 Lyon County and city zoning and planning board agenda.

New Business

The board approved the 2022 budget. (Younger/Lucy 7/0)

The board approved changing the May board meeting to May 25, 2022, to follow the joint library/city luncheon. (Capes/Lucy 7/0)

The board approved the Friends of the Library Memo of Understanding as amended. (Lucy/Daugherty 8/0)

Newell presented the Kansas Public Library Survey and State Report an Infographic. Every public library in the state of Kansas is required to file this. These records are available to all librarians.

Newell presented the 2022 Kansas Library Association Advocacy Calendar for the information of the board.

A. Smith moved the board with Newell go into executive session until 5:21 to discuss personnel matters related to non-elected personnel. (A. Smith/Moews 8/0)

The board and Newell returned from executive session at 5:21. Capes moved the board regrettfully accept Robin Newell's letter of retirement from her position of Executive Director. (Capes/Daugherty 8/0)

A search will begin for a new executive director. The board reviewed the job description. The board approved the amended job description. (Capes/Lucy 7/0).

Board Comment

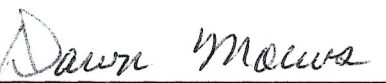
Andrew Smith expressed the board's thanks and appreciation for Newell's work over her tenure. It was a consensus that due to all the work done reviewing board policies and improvements made under her leadership, Newell will leave the library in better condition than it was when she took the job.

The meeting was adjourned by board chair at 5:26 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on March 10, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.



(Board Chair)



(Board Secretary)