



The October 14, 2021, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Andrew Smith, Board Chair. Those present were board members Scott Capes, Melinda Chiroy, Dawn Moews, Andrew Smith, Steve Younger; Robin Newell, Library Director; and Brenda Mawdsley, FOL liaison.

The board approved the agenda. (MSP Capes/Chiroy 5/0)

Public Comment

None

The board approved the minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting. (MSP Capes/Chiroy 5/0)

The board approved the Building and Grounds Committee reports. (MSP Capes/Chiroy 5/0)

Treasurer's Report

Steve Younger presented the September 2021 treasurer's report. The board approved the treasurer's report and payment of the September bills. (MSP Younger/ Capes 5/0)

Unfinished Business

The Strategic Plan remains in committee.

New Business

The board approved the Capital Improvement Fund policy. (MSP Moews/Capes 5/0)

Newell presented information regarding the Cincinnati Insurance Company Claim #3784377—water damage in the library basement. The claim was denied. Newell will forward this to the city so that they will be aware of the rationale for denial.

Sheetrock replacement in the basement is scheduled to begin on October 15, 2021.

The board voted to not accept the Sign Agreement with the city under advice of counsel, specifically regarding Items 9 and 10 of the agreement, and directed Newell to inform the city of this decision and that the board is open to further negotiation. (MSP Capes/Younger 5/0)

The board approved the draft City of Emporia Maintenance Agreement with changes to Addendum 1 as indicated in the draft version presented to the board. Draft agreement will go to the city for their review. (MSP Younger/Capes 5/0)

Friends of the Library Report

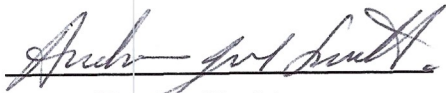
Brenda Mawdsley reported that the current membership is 100. Brenda reported on the successful book sale held in September. There will be another book sale in November. Match Day is 2016 and the FOL is raising funds for a Charlie Cart, a portable cooking cart, to be used for STEAM presentations. The FOL has made their annual donation of \$10,000.00 to the library. They were not able to do this in 2020 due to COVID restrictions.

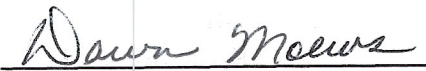
Board Comment

Newell reported that the library had over a dozen applications for the assistant director position as of October 14.

The meeting was adjourned by Smith at 5:43 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.


Arthur J. Smith
(Board Chair)


Dawn Meeus
(Board Secretary)