



The Thursday March 14, 2024, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:17 by Jesse Lobbs, Chair. Present were board members Jesse Lobbs, Scott Capes, Bobbi Sartin Long, Sarah Wyrick, Steve Younger, Caron Daugherty; Harvey Foyle (FOL); and Director Pauline Stacchini.

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

Public Comment: none

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

Treasurer's Report:

Financials for March 2024 approved (MSP Younger/Daugherty 7-0)

Unfinished Business:

- a. Lyon County Law Library MOU: Once approved by both boards, the MOU is ready to be signed by both parties. (MSP Capes/Wyrick 7-0)
- b. Friends of the Library MOU: Needs review annually. No significant changes.

Director's report:

*Attendance at special activities during spring break has surpassed expectations.

*Changes are being made in the Kansas Room to make it more usable. Some books are being moved to regular stacks. Microfilm equipment and computers for accessing newspapers are being moved in.

*DOCK grants: \$80,000 has been requested from **Digital Opportunities to Connect Kansans**. Money, if received, will be used for: a new server; book-a-librarian service; Zoom room equipment and set-up; tutoring via Brainfuse tutoring software; hybrid programming software such as story time for day care providers; a digital learning series.

*Stacchini presented a preview of the summer reading program, for all ages.

New Business:

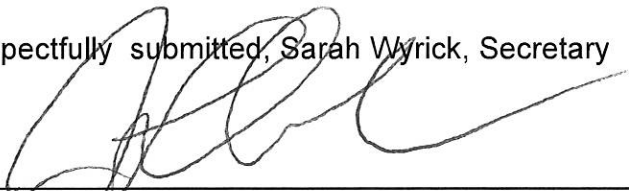
- a. Children’s Internet Protection Act Policy—reviewed and approved (MSP Daugherty, Brinkman 7-0)
- b. Surplus Property Policy—reviewed and approved (MSP Capes/Daugherty 7-0)
- c. 2023 Audit: Audit report presented for Board preview. The auditor will attend the April Board meeting, and action taken then.

Friends Report: *Ruth Gutierrez, who organizes the book sorting, was awarded the Friends of the Library Special Friend Award for 2023. *FOL will split the \$20,000 annual amount given to the Library, and will now remit a \$10,000 check to the library after each major sale—spring and fall. *FOL will participate in June First Friday activities, with a sale that evening. *It has been officially confirmed that FOL does have 501(c)3 status.


Board Comment: Wyrick recounted compliments she heard from Library patrons: about the number of activities; the warm, welcoming atmosphere.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05. Next Board meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 4:15 p.m

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, Secretary



Board Chair



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