

Johnson County Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2021

Present: Alvin Mason, Amy Wallace, Judge Herman Houston, Misty Hawkins, Reagan Eisele, Justin McCormick, Alicia Merritt.

New Members were sworn in by Judge Herman Houston.

Judge Herman Houston took some time to compliment Amy Wallace and her library staff on all of the improvements that have been made at the library.

Amy Wallace called for nominations of Board Officers: The suggested nominations are as follows: Heather Patton to serve as the Chair for the board, Alvin Mason to continue to serve as the Treasurer, Alicia Merritt to serve as the board Secretary, Reagan nominated Justin McCormick to serve as the Vice Chair for the board. Alvin made a motion to approve the nominations as presented; Alicia Merritt seconded.

A vote was taken and all were in favor of board nominations. Nominations for Board Officers passed as presented.

Call To Order:

Justin McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Justin McCormick made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Reagan Eisele seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Alvin Mason gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$14,390.89 in the checking account, \$653,059.49 in County Revenue, \$888,397.59 in Investment Savings, \$9,783.21 in 501c3 account, and \$1,452.00 in the Endowment Account. Total of \$1,567,083.18. Alicia Merritt made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, Justin McCormick seconded. The motion passed.

Library Report:

A. Recap of summer reading- interactive reading trail took place in June- lots of great feedback on that. We were able to work with the fairgrounds to host our summer reading program as well as working with the fairgrounds and parks and rec to help us celebrate the end of our summer reading program. Parks and Rec donated water park passes to be given away at the end of summer reading event.

B. Book Sale- we've received a lot of donations and we will plan to hold that sale in the fall. All of these books have been donated and no tax dollars were spent. The sale will also be donation- based. There will be no set prices on the books sold just whatever anyone wants to donate.

C. Library Renovation Updates- Walls were painted, shelves were built from scratch, the children's area got a new wall decor that is very inviting for the kiddos.

Regional Report

Misty Hawkins- Regional Director Report

American Rescue Act- paperwork has been filed for this funding. There were some adjustments made and the funds will be used to do a digitization project for the 7 branches. This means they will be digitizing all of the microfilm as well as all of the local history collections. All records will be added to the websites.

Additionally, a mobile outreach vehicle is going to be purchased with the intentions for this to be a community-based vehicle not just a bookmobile. The idea for this is that the vehicle will be used at local events like farmers markets, parades, storytimes at the park, etc.

Hot Spots were not purchased with the American Rescue Act funds; they were purchased by the emergency funds from E Rate Funding- This is all reimbursable. Johnson County will receive 10 total hotspots that patrons can check-out and each library branch will receive 2 laptops for public access.

Scholarship assistance program- Jimmy will be reimbursed for his Masters program from the State Library. Paperwork has been completed and sent off.

Two members of each County board serve on the regional board: our regional board representatives will be Heather Patton (Chair) and Reagan Eisele. Reagan received a nomination to serve on the board and the board voted unanimously to approve Reagan to serve on the Regional Board as the Johnson County Representative.

Old Business:

Library Hour Update- The new hours have been very well taken, especially the Monday 8 am change. The late hour of 6 pm is slow but the people who get off at 5 are appreciative to have that option to come by after work. Families have been utilizing the Saturday hours 10-12 pm. Current Hours Mon: 8-6, Tue-Fri 9 am- 5 pm and Sat. 10 am- 12 pm.

New Business:

Interactive Story Trail- Looking to do another in the Fall season when the weather cools down. Waiting to see what will come about with the Parks and Rec restructuring they are doing so we know when we can use the trail and what parts of the trail we can use.


Adjournment:

Alvin Mason made a motion to adjourn. Reagan Eisele seconded. The motion carried. Alvin Mason adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Merritt, Secretary



President



Date