

**Bonner Springs City Library
Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022
Meeting In-Person & Online via Zoom**

Members Present: Vicky Wheeler, Susan Berry, Claudia Patrick, Elisabeth Kasckow, Hortencia Dominguez, John Mackey, Madison Clark, Jeff Harrington

Others Present: Judy Anderson (Wyandotte County Library Board), Jack Granath (Library Director), Kathleen Schram (Board Clerk)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public concerns: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Consent Agenda (1) Regular Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2022 (2) Presentation of Invoices and Supplemental Checks from January 14, 2022 through February 10, 2022 (3) Treasurer's Report for February 10, 2022. Vicky asked if anyone wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed. Motion made by Jeff Harrington and seconded by Susan Berry to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed

Librarian's Report

Upcoming: Jack reported on upcoming children's and adult programming. The library will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day.

Elimination of Library Fines: Late fees were eliminated, and all unpaid late fees have been set to \$0.00. We will charge late fees only on MiFi devices and museum passes.

Kanopy: The library added Kanopy streaming movies to the electronic resources we offer. The Great Courses and Kanopy Kids, which are extras, are included.

Masks: The Wyandotte County Health Department established our library as a distribution site for KN95 masks and brought us 12,000! Fox4 News picked up the story, and for a while, we were busier handing out masks than books.

January Programs: Young patrons had weekly online storytimes and weekly Chess Club, Read-to-a-Dog, and two pre-recorded online Lego Challenges. Jane and Lesley also did outreach to the Piper Early Childhood Learning Center and McDaniel. Adults had weekly sessions of Tai Chi and Chair Yoga, a book discussion of *The Bell in the Lake*, a Currents discussion of immigration, a Socrates Cafe on panpsychism, a Sunflower State Small Library program with the Sterling Free Public Library, and a meeting of the Wordslingers writing group. Anna also did Tai chi outreach at the Senior Center

Professional Development:

- Nancy took a MALA webinar on genealogy.
- Katy attended numerous sessions in the annual Wild Wisconsin Webinars series
 - "Radically Imagining the Role of Public libraries"
 - "Why Psychological Safety Matters More Now Than Ever"

- “Coping with Compassion Fatigue”
- “Tools in Disaster Response for Libraries Adapted from Emergency Management or Resiliency Planning for Libraries and their Communities”
- “Get back in Here! Library Promotional Ideas to Draw People Back to the Library”
- “How a Remarkable Customer Experience Can Be Your Best Sales and Marketing Strategy”
- Jane watched videos for National News Literacy Week on democracy, disinformation, and distrust.
- Anna watched recordings of two webinars, "Engaging Library Outreach to Underserved Communities" and "Tools to Interact with Patron Challenges with Confidence."
- Lesley and Jane took another Summer Reading Program webinar.

January Statistics: Statistics from January 2022 were given with a comparison to January 2021. Comparisons will not be accurate due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Wyandotte County Library Board: The next meeting will be held on March 8, 2022.

Friends of the Library: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 15. The Friends kicked off their book sale today, which runs through February 16. The Friends along with library staff will run the book sale together.

New Business

Board Membership—Welcome New Member, Office Vacancy: Jack introduced new board member, Madison Clark. Madison is filling the unexpired term of Allen Holder and has agreed to serve on the Policy Committee. Jack explained the board would need to designate a Vice President, since Allen formerly filled that position. After discussion, motion made by Jeff Harrington and seconded by Madison Clark to appoint John Mackey as Vice President. Terms expiring in April of 2022 are John Mackey’s and Madison Clark’s. John and Madison filled unfinished terms; therefore, they are eligible for two four-year terms starting in April. John and Madison both agreed to continue on the Board for the next term. Those appointments will be made at the second City Council meeting in March.

Wyandotte County Library Board Budget Request: In the past, the WCLB met in January and heard budget requests in March. This year the January meeting was cancelled, and the business of the March meeting is unclear. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for May and June. The new Property Tax Transparency Law shifts the deadlines for decisions to later in the year. Last year the Chairperson of the Board recommended that we make no 2023 request for a budget increase, due to the Property Tax Transparency Law. The County may decide against exceeding the revenue neutral rate: if so, an increase for libraries would be problematic. The County gave 8% increases in both 2021 and 2022. If the Board agrees that we should start spending down some excess carryover, we should be able to budget for 2023 without an increase from the WCLB. Jack recommends approving a request in line with that made by KCKPL on the understanding that it may be a request for no increase. The decision will need to be made and approved by the Board at the March meeting.

Interior Painting: Several years ago, when we switched to LED emergency lights, some damage was done to the walls because of installation. Jack requested that the City repair the damage, and the holes were spackled over. It was then requested that these areas be repainted, but the City feels that the touch-up would not match the existing paint. Consequently, the City requested bids on repainting the entire interior of the library (or at least the public part). We can afford this project either by spending out of funds held for the library by the City (we budgeted \$33,100 from this fund for computer replacement, servers, and landscaping but will probably not make most of those purchases until 2023)

or by spending out of the Capital Improvement Fund and budgeting to replace it out of carryover in 2023. The question is do we need to repaint the whole interior? Jack explained his plan was to repaint room-by-room and wall-by-wall—small-scale projects over time as needed. Board members walked through the library to look at the condition of the walls. The consensus among Board members was to wait on repainting the whole library and to look into breaking it down into sections.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Kathleen Schram