

Missouri River Regional Library
Board Meeting
Lower Level Conference Room B105, 308 East High Street
September 17, 2019
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The regular Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Jeff Briggs, President. Diane Clingman, Business Office/HR Coordinator, was present to take the minutes.

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Members present: Jeff Briggs, President; Kay Kasiske, Vice-President; Vicki Ford, Member; Debbie Rowles, Member; Ithaca Bryant, Member; Kaye Bertels, Member; Peggy Mulvania, Member; Ruth Canada, Member; and Chuck Lahmeyer, Member.

Members absent: Stu Murphy, Member; Valerie Weber, Member; Sabra Paulsmeyer, Member; Anita Randolph, Member; and Bonnie Baker, Member.

Also present were: Claudia Cook, Director; Betty Hagenhoff, Assistant Director; Natalie Newville, Marketing Manager, and Diane Clingman, Business Office/HR Coordinator.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT (Courtney Waters)

Courtney presented highlights regarding the ALA Conference she attended in Washington D.C. in June 2019. Courtney spent much of her time in committee meetings, attending presentations, and meeting authors. Courtney attended meetings for the Alex Awards Committee. This award is given to books written for adults which may hold interest for teens.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kay Kasiske made a motion to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes. Vicki seconded. The motion passed.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES (ATTACHMENT A & B)

Ruth Canada reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Attachment A & B with the Board. Vicki Ford made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Expenditures. Debbie Rowles seconded. The motion passed.

6. Library Director's Report- Claudia Cook (Attachment C)

Claudia and Natalie attended the Orange Boy Idea Exchange in Columbus, Ohio. They returned with several ideas, one being auto renewals. A patron may renew an

additional two times past the original due date if there are no holds on any of the checked out materials. A reveal date of auto renewals is set for November 1. A program tracker is also under review. This tracker would allow staff to scan a library card for someone attending a program. This would assist in better tracking of our numbers at programs. Margaret Conroy, the Daniel Boone Regional Library Director, has decided to end an agreement with MRRL to share their digital resources with our patrons. DBRL felt this agreement did not make good financial sense for them and Conroy admitted it would be hard to justify to their taxpayers when they go out for a tax levy in the near future.

7. Committee Reports

A. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee

No Report.

B. Capital Facilities Committee

No Report.

C. Executive Committee

No Report.

D. Finance/Fund Raising Committee

No Report.

E. Foundation

Debbie Rowles reports the Foundation met on September 12. This year's titles for Reader's Theatre will be, *The Hermit's Cave: The Blackness of Terror*, *The Haunting Hour: The Thought*, and *Dragnet: The Big Bounce* will be performed. The contract with Scheppers for the Bookmobile advertising is up for renewal. This new proposal will be for \$4,000 instead of \$2,500. A discussion was had to donate \$10,000 to MRRL to assist with some of the purchasing needs for the Osage renovation. However, since there is not a quorum at this meeting, Kathlene Woodruff, will send an email to vote on this.

F. Marketing/Communications Committee

No Report.

G. Planning Committee

No Report.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Osage Renovation Update:

All bids from subcontractors have now been received and are under review. Workers may be starting as early as next week to install drywall. The new location hours have been decided as Mon.- Fri. 9-6 with Sat. 9-1.

B. Budget Review 2020:

A meeting will be set up with the Finance Committee before the next scheduled MRRL Board Meeting to review the budget.

9. New Business:

A. Every Library with John Chrastka

On August 28th a conference call was had with John. He stated that there are two types of campaign choices to run going forward.

- a. *Incumbent*- Which focuses on how new money extends the success of the library.
- b. *Insurgent*- Which focuses on how new money fixes the current library problems.

John says we need to let voters know what our plan is going forward, we need to be honest in educating voters of the current problems with the building and it's capacity for staff, technology and materials. John tells us we need to decide what service model we see for our future going forward. Whether that is a destination library, or another branch.

A discussion follows regarding how does the MRRL board decide what is best for our library. After much discussion it has been decided a retreat with the board and possibly management from the library would tell us what the best route would be going forward. Claudia will send a poll for a possible date for this retreat.

10. Announcements

None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff Briggs at 7:34 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were submitted by Diane Clingman.

Approved 10/15/2019

