

**Missouri River Regional Library
Board Meeting
214 Adams Street, Mark Twain Room
June 15, 2021
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Members present: President, Kay Kasiske; Vice President, Anita Randolph; Member, Valerie Weber; Member, Stacy Fick; Member, Jeff Briggs; Member, John Gulick; Member, Anne Rottmann; Member, Ithaca Bryant; Member, Sharon Lehman; Member, Peggy Mulvania; and Member, Kaye Bertels.

Absent: Member, Lisa Klebba.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following corrections were made:

Item #5 Third sentence "Erin Hart of KAT Country" word "with" changed to "won" the Library's Ambassador of the Year Award.

Item, #5 Fifth sentence "These lockers will" changed to "These locker systems"

Jeff made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of May 18, 2021. Ithaca Bryant seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Valerie Weber reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Attachment A & B with the Board. Anita Randolph made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Expenditures. Ithaca Bryant seconded. The motion was approved.

5. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT-CLAUDIA COOK (ATTACHMENT C)

Claudia reviewed her report with the board, see the attached report. Dake Wells gave their final presentation during the May Board meeting. Feedback from the management and staff have been overwhelmingly positive. Interviews were held at the Osage County Branch for the new Branch Manager. Sarah Falter from the Technical Services Department has accepted the position. Claudia reports she will be writing an American Rescue Plan Grant to request funding for a 16 locker unit addition to the Capital Mall lockers. Claudia also received notification Darmae Brown had made MRRL a

beneficiary in her will. Darmae Brown was a librarian for many years, and first learned to read in the old Carnegie Library.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Capital Facilities Committee (Anita Randolph) No Report
- B. Executive Committee (Kay Kasiske) No Report
- C. Finance/Fund Raising Committee (Valerie Weber) Report to be given under New Business.
- D. Foundation Liaison (Kaye Bertels) Kay Bertels reported the Foundation had a meeting on 6/10/2021. The Foundation is always looking for new members. Fall fundraiser ideas were a topic of discussion, and will be discussed further at the next meeting. Dates for the next Mini Golf Fundraisers have been chosen for 2022. The Osage County Library will have Mini Golf on February 19, while Jefferson City's will be February 26, both events will be from 4:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.
- E. Marketing/Communications Committee (Jeff Briggs) No Report. Natalie says right now marketing is focused on letting patrons know the main branch is open until 8:00 p.m. The Summer Reading Kick-off was a great success.
- F. Planning Committee (Ithaca Bryant) No report

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Dake Wells Architect Presentation review.
Betty Hagenhoff reviewed the final concept design from Dake Wells with members of the board. There was discussion of the pop out overhang possibly being too hot without screens or a window treatment. Betty will discuss this further with the architects. Some members have reservations regarding the ability to see into this area from outside, if this is the new Teen Zone area. Other members feel this could be an exciting way to draw more people into the Library.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Finance Committee Update
Valerie Weber reported the Finance Committee meeting has had two meetings, one on June 3 and one meeting prior to the board meeting tonight. The Capital Campaign has received notification of a donation of \$50,000. Steve Potter from the Mid-Continent Library recommends the Capital Campaign goal to be a \$2.5 million match since this is what is in Library reserves saved for this project. Mr. Potter also discussed bond options with Claudia and Betty. Natalie is composing a spreadsheet for potential Capital Campaign committee members. A brochure is being discussed to assist us with the conversation to be had with potential members for the campaign. Naming rights are also being reviewed for the different donation levels. Tonight the decision was made for Dake Wells to assist with the design of the brochure however, our Marketing Department will do the

printing. The committee believes a Vote Yes levy increase needs to be another way to raise funds. There has not been a levy increase since 1967. While the current .20 levy has gotten the Library this far the additional .10 proposal could take the Library very far into the future. This would cost the average family an additional \$28.00 per year on property taxes. This increase would guarantee funds for the next generation of patrons. The Finance Committee was asked to think of possible donors for the next meeting. The 2020 Audit Presentation was presented by Evers & Company for review.

B. 2020 Audit

Sharon Lehman made a motion to accept the 2020 Audit as presented. John Gulick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:03

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE MRRL BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THEREFORE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.