

Missouri River Regional Library
Board Meeting
213 Adams Street, Grimshaw Room
June 21, 2022
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The regular Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Stacy Fick.

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Members present: President Stacy Fick, Treasurer John Gulick, and members: Jeff Briggs, Peggy Mulvania, Bob Priddy, and Anita Randolph

Members absent: Kaye Bertels, Ithaca Bryant, Kay Kasiske, Lisa Klebba, Steve Nelson, Sharon Lehmen, and Anne Rottmann.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Priddy made a motion, seconded by John Gulick, to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

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

John Gulick and Betty Hagenhoff reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Attachments A & B with the Board. Jeff Briggs made a motion, seconded by Anita Randolph, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Expenditures. Motion passed.

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

Claudia Young reviewed her report with the Board. Claudia reported that the MRRL has begun exploration of a new partnership with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), currently housed on the Lincoln University campus. MRRL and the SBDC are working toward sharing training sessions for staff, and the MRRL has offered to post SBDC's offerings on its website to promote greater participation. The Osage County branch is also providing a training space for SBDC's Entrepreneur Bootcamp for the Osage County region.

The partnership with the St. Stanislaus School and Church has been successful with the programs which have been offered in Wardsville. To assist with continued engagement with that community, MRRL has sent postcards to patrons of the Wardsville region and

the Church has included information in its newsletter. Claudia mentioned that MRRL would like to see a similar expansion in the Russellville area.

Jefferson City's News Tribune ran an article on the homeless situation and the impact on the library, which will be reported under unfinished business.

Claudia also reported that recruitment efforts are continuing as the administration seeks to find a qualified applicant to fill the vacant accountant position.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Capital Facilities Committee (Anita Randolph)

Anita Randolph reported that the committee met on Wednesday, April 27th and the outcome was reported out at the May Board meeting. It was reiterated that the primary focus needs to continue to be on a successful campaign for a future increase in the tax levy. The following four facility priorities are critical to maintain the facility's infrastructure:

- Pipes and plumbing
- Elevator mechanical updates
- Restroom updates
- Electrical system to support technical upgrades

Staff met with Jefferson City officials and a representative from Dake Wells Architecture regarding cost estimates. Dake Wells Architecture will gather and review all information to provide estimates on the identified priorities.

B. Executive Committee (Stacy Fick) No Report

C. Finance/Fund Raising Committee (John Gulick)

The committee met just prior to tonight's Board meeting to receive the 2021 audit from Bobbie Redman-Murray with Evers & Company. It was stated that it is a clean audit. Betty Hagenhoff also provided an update on the Osage County reserves repayment. The funds borrowed from the MRRL reserve balance to purchase and renovate the Osage County branch building have been repaid in full.

D. Foundation Liaison (Kaye Bertels)

Natalie Newville reported that the Foundation has scheduled a Fall Trivia Night as a fundraiser. Natalie also indicated that staff is focusing a "new cardholder" campaign and outreach in the Wardsville area.

E. Marketing/Communications Committee (Jeff Briggs)

Natalie Newville reported that she and Claudia continue to speak to various local organizations to inform community members about the services provided through the library. It was stated that meeting with

organizations, now, will help lay the groundwork as the library is prepping for its anticipated facility and program expansion.

F. Planning Committee (Ithaca Bryant) No Report

G. Bylaws Committee (Stacy Fick) No Report

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Capital Campaign Update

Natalie Newville reported that members of the Capital Campaign Committee and members of the MRRL Foundation received information through a presentation from Clark Swanson of Orange Boy pursuant to the upcoming campaign initiative. Claudia Young indicated that the target is to have language on the August 2023 ballot regarding the initiative. Text of the ballot language must be approved by the Board in April 2023 for submission to the Cole County Clerk in May 2023. General library funds will be used to pay for the costs associated with placing the initiative on the ballot. Clark Swanson will present to the entire Board at its August 2022 meeting.

B. Homeless Patrons

A public, community town hall meeting was held on June 16, 2022. It was reported that Board members John Gulick and Bob Priddy attended this meeting along with Claudia Young, Angie Bayne and a few other library staff members. The consensus at the meeting was that there is a need for a variety of services for the homeless population, but no solutions were offered at this time. Acknowledgement was given by community members of the services MRRL does provide to homeless patrons. There are plans for additional community meetings and Claudia will keep the Board informed on upcoming opportunities for community engagement.

8. NEW BUSINESS

2021 Audit

Bob Priddy made a motion, seconded by Jeff Briggs, to accept the 2021 Audit as presented. Motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes approved July 19, 2022.