

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Library Board of Directors
January 17, 2023.

The hybrid meeting of the Library Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the Advanced Learning Library with the following present in person: Ms. Erinn Bock, Ms. Donna Douglas, Mr. Kevin McWhorter, Ms. Shelby Petersen, Mr. Chuck Schmidt, and Mr. Jonathan Winkler. The following attended virtually: Ms. Rachel Enix, Ms. Lauren Hirsh, Ms. Shannon Littlejohn, and Dr. Maaskelah Thomas.

Call to Order

Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m., a quorum being present.

Staff Presentation

Director Nix and Paul Hawkins, Director of the South Central Kansas Library System, provided an overview of the work done to create the Library's new mission and vision statements. Following the discussion with board members at the November meeting, several variations of both statements were developed through work with Director Hawkins, focus groups, and staff. The preferred possibilities were then sent to the City Manager for review and are now being incorporated into Library policy. The new mission statement is: "Connect. Discover. Learn. Thrive," while the new vision statement is: "Inclusive. Responsive. Collaborative. Your library makes your community limitless."

Approval of the Agenda

Chuck Schmidt moved (Douglas) to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 20, 2022 were presented. Shannon Littlejohn asked she be added as being in attendance, as the minutes do not reflect this. Erinn Bock moved (Petersen) to approve the minutes as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Erinn Bock moved (Schmidt) to receive and file the semi-annual report of staff travel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Finance Committee Report

Director Nix reported that the Finance Committee did not meet. December financial reports are still in the preliminary phase and will be brought to the Board in February with the January financial reports.

Operations Committee Report

Director Nix reviewed a series of policy updates recommended by staff. These included:

- PHI-002 Mission Statement
- PHI-003 Vision Statement
- PHI-004 Values Statement
- REF-002 General Equipment Available for Customer Use
- REF-003 Public Computer Workstation
- REF-005 Photograph Collection Reproduction
- REF-007 Handouts and Bulletin Boards
- REF-009 Meeting Room Facilities
- REF-009.2 Advanced Learning Library AV Maker Studio

On behalf of the Operations Committee, Jonathan Winkler moved (Douglas) to adopt the policy changes as recommended by staff. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Planning & Facilities Committee Report

No report.

Public Affairs Committee Report

No report.

Special Committee Reports

Friends of the Library (FOL) – Leslie Naylor reported that FOL board members have been identifying the WPL programs they wish to support in 2023. Students from the WSU Shocker Lab are developing a brand for the FOL to assist in recruitment. The board is currently working to fill its executive roles.

Library Foundation – Director Nix reported that the Kansas Health Foundation is providing \$50,000.00 to introduce bookmobile services. A grant application has recently been submitted to the United Way of the Plains.

Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS) – Julie Crawford presented the WGS accomplishments for 2022. The society indexed approximately 33,000 women’s names from local cookbooks, donated approximately \$8,000.00 to the Library, compiled five indexes of obituaries, and held its annual conference in October.

Director of Libraries Report

Director Nix reported that the design work on the Westlink renovation project is moving forward. Wireless access points are being installed at Evergreen, after being delayed approximately one year by supply chain issues.

The Library was contacted by PBS to be part of a news story about libraries and their ever-changing roles in the community.

Two art donations have been approved by the Design Council. Paul Foley’s bronze statue will be placed at Alford, and John Waltner’s will progress to development of concept drawings for a mobile for the Advanced Learning Library.

The Parks and Recreation Department is interested in a new mobile application that may be beneficial to the Library.

The Little Free Libraries are ready to be installed by Hutton Construction in District 3.

There will be a demonstration of the new RFID technology for staff in the next week, which will kick start this technology conversion.

A State of the Library presentation will be given at the February 10 City Council meeting.

Staff have been researching and learning more about the ongoing fentanyl addiction problem within the community in order to make more resources and information available to library customers.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Nix