

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Library Board of Directors
April 16, 2024.

The hybrid meeting of the Library Board of Directors was held on Tuesday April 16, 2024 at the Advanced Learning Library with the following present in person: Ms. Donna Douglas, Ms. Lauren Hirsh, Mr. Randall Johnston, Ms. Robin Templin, and Mr. Jonathan Winkler. The following attended virtually: Ms. Sarah Balderas, Ms. TaDonne Neal, and Ms. Shelby Petersen. New Board appointees in attendance, but unable to vote until sworn in (currently scheduled for May 21, 2024), included the following: Ms. Michelle Garrett, Ms. Susie Ternes, and Ms. Rose Mary Frame.

Call to Order

Lauren Hirsh called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m., a quorum being present.

Approval of the Agenda

Robin Templin moved (Douglas) to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment

No

Staff Presentation

Misty Bruckner, director of the Public Policy and Management Center at Wichita State University, gave a presentation on the Library's strategic agenda.

In the summer of 2023, the Library began crafting a strategic agenda that is designed to align with the diverse needs of the community while harnessing the organization's distinct resources to generate meaningfully empowered residents. Through extensive focus groups, interviews, and an immersive design-thinking workshop, valuable insights were gathered to serve as the bedrock for both strategic drivers and the creation of a dynamic agenda that translates vision into reality. The already established Library mission statement, vision and values served as the foundation.

Through listening to stakeholders and discussions with leadership, three key challenges were defined: literacies, awareness, and partnerships. This information was used to inform a design-thinking workshop that focused on the customer perspective and provided three key themes for a customer-service approach: expand targeted services, elevate community outreach, and build key partnerships.

Using these engagement methods, three strategic drivers were identified to use as a lens the Library can look through to determine priorities, goals, and strategies. These three drivers call

for the Library to advance literacies for life to empower residents, elevate awareness of library resources, and build partnerships to expand impact. By using them as a guide to redirect resources, the Library will continue to amplify its impact throughout the community.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2024 were presented. TaDonne Neal moved (Templin) to approve the minutes as included in board packets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Jonathan Winkler moved (Douglas) to approve the March finance report and supplemental bills in the following amounts: General Fund bills of \$1,279,383.74; Grant Fund bills of \$0.00; and Gift and Memorial Fund bills of \$19,818.21, for a total of \$1,299,201.95. **Motion carried unanimously.**

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Jonathan Winkler moved (Douglas) to approve the proposed South Central Kansas Library System Grant for fiscal year 2024 and authorize staff to submit the contract to City Council for review. **Motion carried unanimously.**

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Jonathan Winkler moved (Neal) to approve paying the McNaughton invoice of \$22,380.00 for an additional 1,200 credits worth of leased materials in 2024-2025. **Motion carried unanimously.**

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Jonathan Winkler moved (Petersen) to approve the Chilton Library invoice of \$14,000.00 for a one-year renewal as included in board packets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Finance Committee Report

Did not meet.

Operations Committee Report

Did not meet.

Planning & Facilities Committee Report

Did not meet.

Public Affairs Committee Report

Did not meet.

Special Committee Reports

Friends of the Library – Cori Dodds reported that several new members have joined the Friends Board. The most recent book sale served nearly 600 individuals and sold approximately 10,000 books. The next sale will take place in September. The annual Volunteer Luncheon is being held on Friday, April 19.

Library Foundation - Kourtney Carson reported that a new staff member will join the Foundation in May. The organization recently celebrated Library Giving Day, with gifts continuing to arrive. A meet-and-greet event for donors will be held on May 3.

Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS) – No report.

Director of Libraries Report

Director Nix reported that new items have been added to the Library of Things collection. Tonies are gaining significant excitement among parents, and Experience Passes will be launched on April 22. Other items to be added to the collection in 2024 include blood pressure monitors.

The April 1 budget hearing went well. The City Manager asked for more data in regards to the program options put forward by Library staff.

The Westlink remodel is going well. An upcoming meeting with Hutton Construction will discuss branch renovations and design concepts for the Alford, Angelou, and Rockwell branches.

The Library has purchased devices to help with language barriers and new English speakers. These appliances are being tested and will be set up to use with the public soon.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 21, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Nix