

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Directors
February 20, 2018.

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Central Library with the following present: Mr. Lamont Anderson, Mr. David Babich, Ms. Prisca Barnes, Ms. Lee Gee, Ms. Kellie Hogan, Mr. Randall Johnston, Ms. Shannon Littlejohn, Mr. Kevin McWhorter, Ms. Kerin Smith, and Mr. Jonathan Winkler.

Staff Present: Cynthia Berner, Director of Libraries; Cari Eagles-DeVous, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Hubbard, Security Officer; Kristi McEachern, Customer Services Manager; Tracie Partridge, Westlink Branch Manager; Tammy Penland, Support Services Manager; Julie Sherwood, Programming and Outreach Manager; Jeff Tate, Digital Services Manager; and Larry Vos, Information Services Manager.

Guests Present: Tom Borrego, Quynh Thoa Thi Le, Tadonne Neal, and Darla DeSpain.

Call to Order

President Kellie Hogan called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., a quorum being present.

Introductions

None

Approval of the Agenda

Kevin McWhorter moved (Gee) to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment

Quynh Thoa Thi Le appealed to the board for reinstatement of her library privileges. Ms. Le was banned from the Wichita Public Library in August 2017 for repeatedly bringing a full gas can into the library after being told not to do so. Ms. Le expressed her reasons for wanting to have her privileges reinstated. Board members asked questions of Ms. Le to determine her understanding of why she had been banned from the library. Kevin Hubbard, a security officer from the Wichita Police Department primarily assigned to the Central Library, provided additional information about the handling of code of conduct violations. President Hogan thanked Ms. Le for attending the meeting and explained that a response from the Board would be provided in writing following the meeting.

Prisca Barnes arrived.

Ms. Le and Officer Hubbard left the meeting.

Consent Agenda

President Hogan asked if there were items to be removed from the consent agenda. No items were identified by any Board member. Kevin McWhorter moved (Anderson) to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Actions taken through this motion included approval of:

- Minutes of the January 16, 2018 Library Board meeting
- Final 2017 Revenue Report
- Final 2017 Report 204 of General Fund Expenditures
- Final Report of 2017 Bills
- January 2018 Revenue Report
- January 2017 Report 204 of General Fund Expenditures
- January 2018 Bills
 - General Fund Bills: \$628,752.54
 - Prior Year Grant Fund Bills: \$15,746.48
 - Gift & Memorial Fund Bills: \$109,790.69
- Director of Libraries Report
- Wichita Genealogical Society Report
- Library Foundation Report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Board members discussed the reinstatement request from Quynh Thoa Thi Le. Director Berner offered additional explanations about the banning and reinstatement processes as established by Library policy. Requests for reinstatement are reviewed by Library staff and include consultations with the Municipal Court and Wichita Police Department. A period of six to twelve months without incident reports is one component of the evaluation of reinstatement requests. Another is evidence of effort to change behaviors through participation in training programs, case management services, etc. Based on the information Ms. Le provided in the written document shared with the Board at this meeting, a further evaluation of her reinstatement request would be scheduled no earlier than August 2018. Kerin Smith moved (Winkler) to uphold the banning of Ms. Le at this time. **Motioned carried unanimously.**

Director Berner reported that guidance on several policy issues relating to library service in west Wichita is needed in order for staff to complete the first draft of the updated master plan for branch libraries. A background report on this issue and an itemization of the policy questions were included in board packets. Kerin Smith commented that the 2006 master plan placed a new library in Southeast Wichita as the second priority behind replacement of the Central Library. Director Berner clarified that the second priority was expanded service in west Wichita with the southeast project as the third initiative in the plan, although the two were to be completed on close timelines. Jonathan Winkler asked how many board members would be

interested in leaving Westlink in place as it currently exists and adding a second branch in this quadrant of the City as opposed to building a larger facility. Several members indicated concerns about such an option, referencing the added cost from operating two facilities as opposed to the efficiencies of a larger, single building. Ms. Hogan indicated that she did not feel that there was sufficient time left in the meeting to discuss fully the questions at hand and recommended that further consideration be deferred to the March meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to take this action and to have staff provide a report on southeast library service at the same time so that a prioritization of needs could be reviewed as part of the conversation.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Berner
Director of Libraries