

## WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Library Board of Directors  
September 21, 2021.

The hybrid meeting of the Library Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at the Advanced Learning Library with the following present in person: Ms. Abi Boatman, Ms. Donna Douglas, Ms. Lauren Hirsh, Mr. Kevin McWhorter, Ms. Shelby Petersen, and Mr. Jonathan Winkler. The following attended virtually: Ms. Erinn Bock, Ms. Jennifer Goheen, Dr. Justin Henry, Mr. Randall Johnston, Ms. Shannon Littlejohn, Ms. TaDonne Neal, and Mr. Chuck Schmidt.

### Call to Order

President Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m., a quorum being present.

### Approval of the Agenda

Shelby Petersen moved (Douglas) to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comment

None

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 17, 2021 were presented. Lauren Hirsh moved (Petersen) to approve the minutes as included in board packets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Ms. TaDonne Neal arrived via virtual connection.*

### Unfinished Business

Jonathan Winkler reported that the community has ranked their choices of names for the new Evergreen facility. It is now up to the Library Board as the Naming Advisory Committee to pick one name to send to the City Council for approval. The Board of Directors unanimously determined that the highest community ranked base name of Evergreen would be selected. After a lengthy discussion regarding options for a full name, Evergreen Branch Library and Community Center was decided on.

Jonathan Winkler moved (Hirsh) to recommend the name Evergreen Branch Library and Community Center as the new name for the Evergreen Facility to City Council. The motion **passed** by a vote of 12-1 with Ms. TaDonne Neal opposed.

## **New Business**

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Kevin McWhorter moved (Petersen) to approve the August 2021 finance report and supplemental bills in the following amounts: General Fund bills of \$669,563.82; Grant Fund Bills of \$29,441.14; and Gift and Memorial Fund bills of \$595.87 for a total of \$699,600.83. **Motion carried unanimously.**

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Abi Boatman moved (Winkler) to approve the subscription renewal of the EBSCO Database in the amount of \$24,637.76. **Motion carried unanimously.**

On behalf of the Operations Committee, Jonathan Winkler moved (Petersen) to approve the policy updates as presented by staff. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The policies updated as a result of this action include:

- CIR-001 Customer Registration
- CIR-009 Holds
- CUS-001.2 Suspension of Privileges for Health and Safety Reasons
- ORG-002.1 Collection Development Division
- ORG-002.2 Customer Service Division
- ORG-002.4 Education and Engagement Division
- ORG-002.5 Support Services Division
- PER-007 Staff and Volunteer Benefits
- REF-009 Meeting Room Facilities

## **Finance Committee Report**

No report.

## **Operations Committee Report**

No report.

## **Planning & Facilities Committee Report**

No report.

## **Public Affairs Committee Report**

No report.

## **Special Committee Reports**

*Friends of the Library* – Amanda Shankle reported that due to the Library eliminating hold fees, the Friends is reviewing their benefit offerings for their Gold and Platinum membership tiers. The Friends are reviewing data from past surveys and consulting with board members

and others to decide how the Friends will move forward. However, to coincide with upcoming changes, they have updated the term Friends Member to Friends Advocate to recognize that their contributors are advocates.

Library Foundation – Kristi Oberg reported that work is being done with the Foundation Board to receive matching donations for the end of year fundraising efforts. With help from Library staff, the Foundation has submitted several grants recently.

Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS) – Julie Crawford reported that work continues on their annual conference occurring October 9. So far, 80 people have registered and five exhibitors are planning to be in attendance. Monthly meetings are still be held via Zoom.

### **Director of Libraries Report**

Interim Director Dowell reported that the proposed budget has been adopted by City Council. Parts pertaining directly to the Library includes the elimination of hold fees, an reinstatement of \$100,000 to the materials budget, and funding to support curbside pickup using a new software at the Rockwell and Westlink branches.

The Angelou mural project was approved at the August 24<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and work began on September 20, 2021. Real Men, Real Heroes advised the work should be finished within a few weeks.

Parking lot maintenance at some of the library branches will be completed by Public Works and Utilities.

### **Announcement**

President McWhorter announced that after an extensive search, Jaime Prothro has been hired as the new Director of Libraries. She will start on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Dowell