

**Board of Trustees Meeting , Washington Public Library
August 22, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Lick, who led the Pledge. Members present included: Diane Lick, Leanne Gisburne, Katie Schonaerts, Doug Holdmeyer, Lynn Hart, Barbara Volmert, Susan Wehmueller and Carolyn Witt.

Susan moved that the agenda be approved. Motion seconded by Leanne and the motion carried. Doug moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library Report: Nelson reported the Friends are requesting donations for the September book sale through the end of August. The sale will take place the third weekend of the month. The

Friends are also sponsoring the Friends of the Library Room for the Missouri Book Festival as well as sponsoring Redbird at local schools on Friday and the school performances on Friday. The Friends will also have a booth at the festival where they will give away water.

Library Director's Report:

COVID-19: No changes in procedures.

Statistics and Collections:

The Penworthy kits have been greeted by our Patrons with great enthusiasm! One homeschooling parent called these kits a "life changer" for her! July was very busy, with a significant number of patrons using the library. The library is waiting to hear back from the Feds on additional hot spots.

Facilities:

Veregy continues the process of implementation of the library's HVAC system. The initial costs for the library project have come in higher than anticipated. Veregy has determined a need to redesign the system and solicit additional bids to get closer the original budget. Walk-throughs with vendors will continue. The library is again serving as an official cooling center. We do have individuals using the library to escape the excessive heat. In addition, we have individuals using the library as a place to visit that is cool.

Staffing:

2023 State Aid increased to \$6,301.41 and \$7,548.59 in Athletes and

Entertainers tax funds. We are waiting to hear about the rules for reporting expenditures for these funds and allowable expenditures. Nelson proposed to combine 2 PTE and 1.25 FTE shelver into one FT FTE. The City is recommending an 8% COLA for all employees for the 2022-2023 budget year. The Council was meeting at the same time as this meeting to hear details.

MLA Conference:

September 28-30 the conference will be held in Springfield, MO. Peggy Warden and Nelson, both first time attendees in person, will attend. Nelson will be a presenter this year: "Stress, Burnout and Completing the Stress Cycle". This will be a longer version of what was presented during the staff retreat.

Programs:

The Selection Committee chose the 2023 Spring Community Read book: "Walking with Peety: The Dog Who Saved My Life" by Eric O'Grey with Mark Dagostino. The programming teams will begin meeting next month to plan programs. The committee will shorten the duration of the event this year by a couple of weeks based on recommendation from the library staff.

July Recap: Storytimes and Tot Times are going strong and are the backbone of the library's early literacy efforts. Paint Night for adults: June 29th. Sammy J Balloon Show July 13th. Teen Paint Party. Pirate Party. Friends Series: Dea Hoover, Walking Hannibal.

Upcoming Programs: Missouri Book Festival: August 26th Keynote Speaker. August 27th, 10:00 am – 5 pm.

Leanne moved that the Librarian's Report be approved. Katie seconded the motion, which passed.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2022