

**Board of Trustees , Washington Public Library
September 26, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Carolyn Witt, who led the Pledge. Members present included: Leanne Gisburne, Doug Holdmeyer, Lynn Hart, Susan Wehmueller and Carolyn Witt.

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

Friends of the Library Report: The Friends had another fantastic book sale. They raised \$4,100. Thanks YOU to the volunteers who make this all possible: Borgia's PE class who moved books and the Presbyterian Church who takes the remaining books for their Spring Book Sale. The Friends have agreed to purchase some Dinosaur Bones building sets that will be a feature attraction in the children's area. We hope to unveil it during our DiNO-vember themed month of November.

Library Director's Report:

COVID-19: No changes in procedures.

Statistics and Collections: The Penworthy kits continue to be popular. Circulation continued strong in August.

Facilities: Veregy met with those concerned in a new HVAC system and went over the numbers again. The costs were significantly reduced to match the original budget. We are looking at starting this process in late Winter. We plan on keeping the library open during the installation of the HVAC system. There may be limited access for patrons during this process. We will be meeting with Verey and the companies to determine the project schedule and its impact on patron and staff access to the library.

Staffing: 2023 Stae Aid increased to \$6,301.41 and \$7,548.59 in Athletes and Entertainers tax funds. The City approved the moving of 2 PTE and 1 0.25 shelver positions into 1 FT FTE. The Council approved an 8% COLA for all employees for the 2011-23 budget year.

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:

Missouri Book Festival: August 26th Keynote Speaker. August 27th, 10:00 am – 5 pm. This was a great success for a first time book festival! The keynote was excellent and well attended. The host is committed to doing the next festival in 2023. The Festival attendance was estimated at 2,500-3,000 people! Nelson hopes the community enjoyed what the Festival had to offer. Nelson felt it was

fantastic and really showcased Washington. What is even more exciting: as good as this event was, it has room to grow and improve. The director expressed his appreciation for the hard work put in by the Committee, who did the essential work in a team effort. "I loved the experience"! The Committee has requested feedback from the vendors and participants and we have many ideas and suggestions on what to change for next year. The Committee is exploring dates for the Second (!) Annual Missouri Book Festival, moving to the end of summer, early autumn of 2023.

August Recap (non-Book Festival): Dan Burkhardt: Trailblazers Phyllis Stecker: New Madrid Fault Both events were packed!

Upcoming Programs of Note:

Author Hazel Beck, October 6 ("Witchy Romance")

Run To Read, October 8

An Evening with Edgar: October 18 (Edgar Allen Poe!)

Author Steve Gerdel October 20

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

Unfinished Business: Diane and Carolyn need to meet with staff on Policy Manual. Also projected work on a Strategic Plan (Doug has volunteered).

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2022