

Minutes

Board of Trustees , Washington Public Library

July 25, 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, Mike Coulter and Carolyn Witt.

Katie 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 that the September book sale will be the 3rd weekend and again in the library. The Friends funded a year's subscription to "Book Page", a book magazine made for libraries to help with reader's advisory. The Friends also funded a new, heavy-use book truck for the Evergreen courier to replace the old book truck.

Library Director's Report:

COVID-19: No changes in procedures.

Statistics and Collections: July circulation has been strong. Penworthy kits arrived last week. There are 45 kits funded through the State Library might fund this purchase with a grant and contribution was also made by the Friends. As fast as they were displayed, checkout followed!

Facilities: The City has been working with the vendor Veregy to oversee the 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. Water fountains are being evaluated as they may be updated to bottle-filling dispenser. Diane stated that the hand dryers in the children's level of the library might be reviewed as the noise level of the dryers frighten small children.

Staffing: One part-time staff resigned in July to pursue full-time employment elsewhere. Nelson is doing an analysis of the library's structure before re-hiring this position. A shelver is also leaving and the possibility of combining two part-time positions into one full –

time staff.

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.

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: July 15th.

Upcoming Programs: Pirate School, July 26th. Dea Hoover, Hannibal July 26th. Summer Reading Program ends July 31st.

The Missouri Book Festival planning committee has been meeting and moving forward with plans to hold a festival centering on the library parking lot, August 27th. The kick-off will be a **Keynote Speaker:** John Brown. Christy Stoyer is chairing this event. The library is sponsoring the event through a State Library grant.

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

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting: August 22, 2022