

## **Board of Trustees , Washington Public Library April 24, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Lick, who led the Pledge. Members present included: Diane Lick, Doug Holdmeyer, Susan Wehmueller, Mike Couter (City Council Liaison), Lynn Hart (by phone) and Carolyn Witt. Also in attendance was Ethan Colbert of the Missourian.

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

**Friends of the Library Report:** No lobby book sale during the month of April, due to ongoing HVAC construction. The Friends sponsored lunches for the staff in recognition of their work during the HVAC project and continued to serve our patrons as able.

### **Library Director's Report:**

We will have three openings on the Library Board for the Mayor to fill. He does have a list of suggested names and the new people should start in July. Diane and Lynn are either not eligible or unable to serve.

**Statistics and Collections:** Areas closed for HVAC project suffered in circulation statistics. Passports are still in demand, 62 were sent and demand has slowed somewhat.

**Facilities:** The 2nd floor has been open for the past two weeks. The elevator has had heavy use! The office area is again in use, but required a major clean before habitable. Zone 3, Children's area and meeting rooms are still closed. Work remains on schedule (!) to finish at the beginning of May, hopefully in two weeks-ish! Construction work reality changes often, sometimes in our favor, sometimes not. Nelson's mantra remains: The Library will do what it needs to keep construction on schedule. Flexibility the key and a continuing challenge to both staff and public. The awesome staff is highly commended for everyone working together to develop alternate operations workflow while office area is closed. The back half of the meeting room space is currently an office/sorting area for now.

New fire alarm system has been installed. The Fire Chief was a happy man!!

Full time staff still have many options, from using personal leave, trainings/work from home/ to altering their schedules during the last several weeks of the project. Nelson was working with them individually.

Storytimes will be held in the City Council Chambers in April. There will be no storytime the first week in May, as City Hall will be celebrating its Centennial May 4th. Library Board Meeting was held in the City Council Chambers. No access to Friends Book Sale area.

**Legislative Session:** The State Senate did not approve the with-holding of State Aide monies passed by the House. The Secretary of State office shared the paperwork on the Order of Rulemaking. Nelson gave the Board copies with additions of clarification. It is a working document and the directors in the State are waiting for input from the MPLD committee currently working through interpretations of this rule. After input is received, the Policy Manual sub-committee will meet with staff to fit requirements into our document. The Board should be able to review this at the June Meeting.

**Programs:**

**Re-cap:** Purina Dog Show, April 1@2 pm at the Fair Grounds; The Power of a Plant, April 2@4 pm; Community Read wrap-up event, Thursday 4/13 @ Union Library...Author lecture; Community Reads wrap-up event, Friday 4/14 @ Washington West Elementary, cooking demonstration and food (!)/health/plant vendors; Patrick Murphy: Prayer, 4/20@6:30 pm@ Council Chambers. The Community Reads program ended successfully. A volunteer will sit on next year's selection committee.

Programs on hold until the meeting rooms open, but a very full summer is already planned. A schedule was handed out to the Board members. Summer reading programs will run from May 30th to July 30th. The Kick Off will be Friday, June 2nd from 6 to 8 pm. A new Art Club, run by resident staff artist Peggy Worden, will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month and be open to ages 16 and up. Art programs have been very popular with Young Adults/Teens!

Door counts have been up despite limited access to various floor....Construction workers!!

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

**Unfinished Business:** See HVAC above

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**New Business:** See Legislative Session/SOS Rules for Libraries

There being no further business, Sue moved that the meeting be adjourned. Doug seconded the motion, which carried.

**Next Meeting:** June 26, 2023 (No May meeting)