

**The Riverside Regional Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 25, 2024**

The Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees conducted a meeting Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Riverside Regional Library, 1997 E. Jackson Blvd., Jackson, Missouri.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Jack Baker at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present were: Jack Baker, Tom Gross, JoAnn Hahs, Andy Meyer, Sherry Mitchem, Sarah Pruden, Cheryl Ray-Layton, Deborah Wideman and Gary Ziegler. Members absent: Lana Arnzen, Beverly Hemmann, Chris Hurst, Amanda Layton, Kate Martin and Kathy Panagos. Also present were Library Director Frankie Lea Hannan and Recording Secretary Alea Belmas.

Open Forum for Visitors – None.

Reports to the Board – None.

A. Action Items

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gary Ziegler, seconded by Deborah Wideman, and approved unanimously to accept the December 2023 minutes.

A motion was made by JoAnn Hahs, seconded by Gary Ziegler, and approved unanimously to accept the December Allowance of Bills and Financial Report.

B. Information Items

1. Correspondence -

- Correspondence regarding the *Proposed Industrial Development Project in the City of Scott City, MO* received December 22, 2023 from Gilmore & Bell, P.C., St. Louis, MO

2. Librarian's Report (Written report)

- Library Director, Frankie Lea Hannan, was interviewed by Faune Riggins at River Radio on January 17, 2024 in regards to the *Friends of the Library Garage Sale* happening this month.

- There are several *proposed House Bills in 2024* that could potentially impact public library governance if approved:

HB1512: Modifies provisions relating to the powers of libraries.

HB1517: Ballot Language relating to taxation.

HB1574: State Librarian prohibited from distributing funds to any library unless the library submits in writing adherence to a list of actions defined in the bill.

- The *Uptown Jackson Revitalization Eclipse Planning Committee* will be meeting again on January 18th.
- The Jackson main branch has been collecting *quotes for snow removal*, hoping to have someone in place before the next snow fall.
- A site visit was made to our *Scott City branch* where the Director learned about the community needs, along with some of the concerns at the Scott City branch.
- The *Friends of the Library Indoor Garage Sale* will be held January 26th and 27th at the Jackson branch.
- The *2024 Summer Reading Program Grant* was approved for \$10,300.00.

3. Committee Reports – None

4. Unfinished Business –

- The library has received a Grant to cover the cost of some of the *Eclipse glasses* that we will be handing out starting in March.
- A motion was made by Sarah Pruden, seconded by Andy Meyer, and approved unanimously to have our *Staff Appreciation dinner* on April 20th.
- Under the guidance of the *Long Range Planning Committee*, we have added a sub-committee with Chris Hurst to head the Technology portion and Andy Meyer to head the Facilities portion.

5. New Business –

- Board President, Jack Baker, has submitted his resignation from the Board, effective March 31, 2024. Vice President, Chris Hurst, will take over his duties.
- A motion was made by Andy Meyer, seconded by Deborah Wideman, and approved unanimously to allow Director, Frankie Lea Hannan, to attend the *Public Library Association Conference* April 3-5.
- Director, Frankie Lea Hannan was given the option to close on *April 8th*, the day of the Eclipse.
- *The Long Range Planning Committee* – This meeting has been set for 6:15 p.m. prior to the February 22nd Board Meeting

C. Executive Session – None

D. Board Orientation and Training –

- *Katie Hill Earnhart* from the Cape Girardeau Public Library will be attending our next meeting on February 22nd.

E. Adjournment

Gary Ziegler made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Ray-Layton and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held at Jackson, MO on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m, with the Long Range Planning Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alea Belmas
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date: 2/22/24

Presiding Officer: 