

Johnson County Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021

Present:

Heather Patton, Alvin Mason, Debbie Park, Amy Wallace, Misty Hawkins

Call To Order:

Alvin Mason called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Heather Patton made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Alvin Mason seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Alvin Mason gave the Treasurers report with a balance of \$14,864.49 in the Checking Account, \$541,428.97 in County Revenue, \$886,977.37 in Investment Savings, \$9,783.21 in the 501c3 Account and \$1,452.00 in the Endowment Account. Debbie Park made a motion to accept the Treasure's Report, Heather Patton seconded. The motion passed.

Library Report:

A) Library Renovations:

Amy Wallace showed the board several of the renovations that have taken place during the Covid shutdown and thanked Misty Hawkins for sharing many ideas and inspirations for the renovations. She informed the board that reservations for the use of the study room are already being made.

B) Library hours/facilities access:

Moved to Old Business

C) Book Sale:

The library still has a collection of donated books and discussed the possibility of having a book sale perhaps twice a year. It was discussed if a set price or donation base would be the best for the sale. Ms Wallace is going to check with Herman Houston, Johnson County Judge to make sure that there is no problem with having the sale.

D) Programming:

U of O drama students are doing special story times on Thursdays through ZOOM starting in April.

Summer reading program is getting set up. Johnny Rice has agreed to let the library use the stage area at the Fair Grounds for free. It will be held on Tuesday's in June. Kick off will be held in late May so that summer reading will be up and going in June. Library staff has been in contact with Needy Paws, since the library would like to do an animal based theme for the summer reading program. The library staff have also been

in contact with The Parks and Recreation department to see about setting up an interactive story along the nature trail.

E) ACT Work Ready:

Ms Wallace informed the board that she had just completed the first phase of ACT Work Ready Certification alongside the Chamber Director & Economic Developer. This is a free program and in the early stage of development.

F) Jail Resource Day:

Ms Wallace told the board that she is starting to work with Sterling Penix about the potential of setting up some services for inmates. Perhaps helping with GED applications, victim books, etc. Checking on what services that the library might have to help these individuals.

Regional Report:

Misty Hawkins informed the board that the Region has been conducting surveys and collecting data.

She has submitted E-Rate information, which is federal funding reimbursement (80%) for technology assistance. She filed for Johnson County. Ms Hawkins informed the board that the State of Arkansas has received 2 million dollars from federal funding to be used for libraries and the money will be issued so that each library can use it. To perhaps purchase more hot spots or toward Lynda-LinkedIn. The State Librarian will distribute the money and each library will have criteria to meet and paperwork to be completed.

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Old Business:

A) Library Hour/Facilities Access

Ms Wallace informed the board that she had discussed library hours with several patrons and after board discussion Debbie Park made a motion to change the library hours as follows: Monday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in addition to leave water fountains and restrooms closed with restrooms available upon request. Heather Patton seconded. The motion carried. The library staff will track the usage during the new times and report their findings at the next board meeting. Ms Wallace also informed the board the patrons are good about wearing masks inside the building.

B) Personnel Update:

The board went into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss personnel updates and returned to open session at 6:17 p.m.

New Business:

A) Board Member Engagement/Participation

Misty Hawkins discussed with the board the need for each county library to have representation at Regional Board meetings and regular county board meetings. The handbook was referenced to check when board terms expire and Ms Wallace is going to reach out to board members to inform them of their terms.

Heather Patton made a suggestion to add a section on our Facebook page, so that if anyone had feedback, suggestions, complaint, book suggestion or even just wanted to complement staff or other patrons, there would be a place to publicly leave that feedback and then we share that with the regional libraries. This would help make us accountable for any complaints if they should occur.

Adjournment:

Debbie Park made a motion to adjourn. Heather Patton seconded. The motion carried. Alvin Mason adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Park, Secretary





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Date