

MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 13, 2023 6:15PM AT THE LIBRARY

Members Present: Susie Baker, Carrie Heimann, Chris Moore, Rebekah Rhode, and Kevin Kelsey; **Not Present:** Kristen Streeter and Jeanne Campion; **Also present:** John Howard
Chris Moore opened the meeting by reading the library's mission statement: "Together we create a welcoming community that empowers everyone to learn, connect, create, and grow."

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2023

Rebekah Rhode moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 13, 2023. Susie Baker seconded; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin Kelsey moved to approve the financial report for February 2023. Carrie Heimann seconded. Roll call vote; all trustees voted in favor of the motion.

Kevin Kelsey moved to approve the check register for February 2023. Carrie Heimann seconded. Roll call vote; all trustees voted in favor of the motion.

Rebekah Rhode asked about the checks to Demco.

Kevin Kelsey asked if all Murder Mystery expenses had been submitted and cleared. John Howard stated yes.

Rebekah Rhode questioned the amount spent on yard maintenance and landscaping. She asked if other providers or options for these services could be explored in the future.

Director's Report

John Howard submitted the director's report before the meeting.

Rebekah Rhode asked if Trustees going off the Board need to complete the Statement of Economic Interest. John replied yes.

Rebekah Rhode asked if this was the last meeting for Trustees not seeking reelection. John replied that newly elected Trustees are not seated until the third week of May.

Carrie Heimann asked about the proposed House Bill 2789. John stated he would be monitoring the Bill and spoke of ways our library currently addresses this issue.

Rebekah Rhode asked which staff members were leaving. John stated Ginna and Lisa were leaving and that they would have an opportunity to complete an exit survey.

John provided Trustees with a signage survey. He asked Trustees to notice new signage in library and, if they chose, to complete the survey based on preferences for color and font of signage.

Audience Comments - None

Committee Reports

The Policy Committee met and submitted six revised policies to the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve the changes to the six policies as recommended by the Policy Committee.

New Business

Board Treasurer Jeanne Campion is not seeking reelection as a Trustee. Jeanne had earlier requested to step down from the role of Treasurer before the end of her Trustee term to provide for a smoother transition. Rebekah Rhode nominated Carrie Heimann to serve as Board Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Carrie was elected on a unanimous vote. The Board discussed the spectacular job Jeanne has done as Board Treasurer and how valuable her service in this role has been to the library.

Strategic Plan—no update

Board Advocacy

John Howard stated that a profit of \$1,200 was made at the recent Murder Mystery event. The event was sold out. Carrie Heimann stated that the new venue, Mahomet Methodist Church, was excellent. She asked that next year the Board consider using a Mahomet food vendor. Carrie also questioned whether a faux cocktail was necessary. John Howard stated that the summer kick off program I Spy @ the Library will be held Saturday, May 27th. He encouraged all Trustees to reserve that date as volunteers will be needed for the event. A volunteer signup sheet will be available at the April Board meeting. Carrie Heimann suggested posting a sign advertising the event at Mahomet Tee Ball games.

John Howard stated a Summer Event Booklet will be mailed to “all houses” this year. The exact house addresses are still being determined.

Lastly, John stated that interviews for the position of Marketing Coordinator will take place later this month.

Trustee Comments

Chris Moore asked Trustees to note the increase in circulation rates.

Chris Moore asked all Trustees who will be serving after the April election to consider what committees they want to serve on.

Adjournment

Susie Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Carrie Heimann seconded; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Rebekah Rhode, Trustee Secretary