

Rolla Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of November 16, 2023

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Kristi Fleischhauer called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Members present included: Amy Koenig, Becky Roberts, Kristi Fleischhauer, Rachel White (via zoom), Brenda Linkeman, Julie Peterman and Robert Haselwander. Member(s) not present included: John Denbo. One vacancy remains.

II. **Welcome to Visitors and Public Comment:**

Kristi Fleischhauer opens the meeting for public comment.

Megan Johnson, 1601 Broadway Street, states that she went to the children's library and found a book called "The Every Body Book" on display. She looked through the book and found graphic images and sexual content that she feels should not be in a children's library. Although you can get a restrictive library card for your children there is nothing to stop a child from picking up this book and looking at it while in the library. The Library Board should be aware of the fact that Jay Ashcroft had made changes to the certification requirements for the protection of minors in May of this year.

There was further discussion between Megan Johnson and the board.

Karen Harris, PO Box 1852, states that a book such as this one could be a good resource for an adult to use at an age appropriate time to talk through some of the subjects with a their child. However, she does not feel that it is okay to have it in the open so that any child could have access to the book. She states the book should be taken off the shelves so that a parent would have to ask for it.

Kristi Fleischhauer closes the meeting for public comment.

- III. **Monthly Financial Review:** Steffanie Rogers presented the October financials.
- a. Technical Assistant Contract: Steffanie Rogers presented the contract. Amy Koenig made the motion to approve the contract as written. Robert Haselwander seconded, motion passed.
 - b. Secretarial duties: Kristi Fleischhauer states that beginning January 2024 the board will be taking their own meeting minutes.

IV. **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:**

- a. September open session minutes – Brenda Linkeman made the motion to approve with the following modifications:
 1. Replace the word "to" with the word "go" in the Library Director's Report.
 2. Change the word "approved" to the word "approve" in the Old Business – Operating Hours.Julie Peterman seconded, motion passed.

- V. **Library Director's Report:** Central security will be installing the video cameras by the end of the week. The check from the Bonehead race ended up being \$1500 instead of the \$1300 we originally thought the library would be receiving. The volunteer policy will be tabled until December. The book sale starts tonight. Rebecca applied for a scholarship to the Public Library Association Conference which is in April of 2024.
- VI. **Old Business:**
- a. Policy Approvals
 1. Code of Conduct (amended draft): Becky Roberts motioned to approve the Code of Conduct as written. Robert Haselwander seconded, motion passed.
 2. Operating Hours (amended draft): Amy Koenig motioned to approve the Operating Hours as written. Becky Roberts seconded, motion passed.
- VII. **New Business:**
- a. Policy Approvals
 1. Service Animals: Robert Haselwander motioned to approve the Service Animal Policy as written. Julie Peterman seconded, Motion passed.
 2. Smoking: Amy Koenig motioned to approve the Smoking Policy as written. Becky Roberts seconded, motion passed.
 - b. MPLD conference: This is December 7th & 8th and will cost \$204. The Board agrees that Rebecca should attend this meeting.
- VII. **Schedule next meeting date:** The next Library Board meeting will be Thursday December 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room in the Children's Wing in person and available via zoom.
- IX. **Adjourn:** Becky Roberts made the motion to adjourn, Brenda Linkeman seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.