

**Rolla Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of July 18, 2024**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Kristi Fleischhauer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present included: Amy Koenig, Kristi Fleischhauer, Julie Peterman, Robert Haselwander, Helen Johnstone, Brenda Linkeman, Becky Roberts, and John Denbo. Member(s) not present included: Rachel White. One vacancy remains.
- II. **Welcome to Visitors and Public Comment:** Megan Johnson had requested to speak but could not attend. She has asked to be rescheduled for the August meeting.
- III. **Monthly Financial Review:** John Denbo, Treasurer reported that we have stayed under budget. Helen Johnstone asked for clarification on the change in the beginning and ending balance and if we had enough funds for the upcoming month. After discussion, our city fiscal representative stated that she would get the answers to our questions and email them to the board members.
- IV. **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:** June session minutes – Amy Koenig motioned to approve minutes. Kristi Fleischhauer seconded, and the motion passed with 5 approved and 3 abstaining.
- V. **Library Director’s Report:** The summer program continues to be busy. Allie has done a great deal of work for it. The library received \$7000 from the Friends of the Library book sale. They are still working on getting hotspots with T Mobile. The library currently has a waiting list for the hotspots. They have had summer preschool visits from many preschools in Rolla. Thank you to Brenda Linkeman for all her work on the courtyard. Rebecca is still waiting to hear from Miller Glass on the shades and waiting to hear about the GFI system for printing. The library participated in Take A Stand this year with extra volunteer help from a mother and her son. Rebecca is preparing for a staff day in August and she would like to attend a MLA conference in Kansas City.
- VI. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Facilities Committee:** Amy Koenig presented for the committee. In 2020, the building next to the Children’s Addition had structural issues with the roof. Amy plans for someone to look at the roof to see if it can last at least two more years. A Missouri Science and Technology student chose the library building for a class project and an architectural engineering class chose the library for a semester project. The facilities committee meets Wednesday, August 7th at 5 p.m. in the Children’s Library if anyone wants to attend.

Vote on building plan: Next month the board will vote to decide on ending the lease/time frame for the tenants.
 - b. **FY24-25 Surplus:** Kristi Fleischhauer led the discussion for the use of the \$11,000 surplus. The decision will be tabled until next month. During the month she asked

members to brainstorm ideas and send them to her (including adding benches for the outdoor courtyard area). Kristi will look into the pros and cons of each idea and report findings at the August meeting.

VII. New Business:

- a. **Discussion on Current Library Climate:** Kristi Fleischhauer reported that the summer program has increased foot traffic in the library.
- b. **Non-Residency Fee Increase:** Amy Koenig motioned to increase the Non-Residency Fee to \$30 on September 1, 2024. Becky Roberts seconded. All approved and the motion passed. (This was changed to \$25 to meet the tax formula.)

IX. Schedule next meeting date: The next Library Board meeting will be Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Children's Wing and available via Zoom.

X. Adjourn: Robert Haselwander motioned to adjourn, Brenda Roberts seconded. All approved and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.