

**Rolla Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of August 15, 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, Helen Johnstone, Rachel White (via Zoom), and Becky Roberts. Member(s) not present included: Brenda Linkeman, Robert Haselwander, and John Denbo. One vacancy remains.

- II. **Welcome to Visitors and Public Comment:** Megan Johnson is concerned with statements made during the June Library Meeting regarding the Library Trustee webinar on Library Law and the Right to Read and discussion of the need to adopt a Right to Read Policy. The American Library Association sponsored the webinar and our state has cut ties with that organization because of religious views. Megan wanted to know how affiliated the Board and the library director are with the American Library Association and wanted us to be aware of the information provided to the Board in a letter from the American Center for Laws and Justice on her behalf.

- III. **Monthly Financial Review:** John Denbo, Treasurer was absent. If we have concerns we can contact John or the financial advisor. No discussion at this time.

- IV. **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:** Corrections to the July meeting agenda were discussed. July session minutes – Helen Johnstone motioned to approve minutes with the added corrections of “Helen Johnstone asked for clarification on the change in the beginning and ending balance and if we had enough funds for the upcoming month and adding a dash in **FY24-25**”. Becky Roberts seconded, and the motion passed with all approved.

- V. **Library Director’s Report:** The summer program was a success. Total Sign Ups: 688; Total Completions: 432; Books Read: 12, 571; Total Programs: 181; Total Attendance: 3008; Free Books Earned: 1889; Books Given Away: 1689; Charms Earned: 2444; Charms Given Away: 2176; Small Prizes Earned: 2287; Small Prizes Given: 2107. -Ally has done a great deal of work for it. Rebecca is in a Meet Your Neighbor article in the Phelps County Focus. The library will be purchasing twenty hotspots from TMobile using extra MLA grant funds once the paperwork is figured out at TMobile. Rebecca is attending the MLA conference in Kansas City. The blinds are up in the library. There have been some issues with the minisplit HVAC system and Hartley’s is looking into whether repairs are enough or if a new system needs to be purchased. There have been some issues with the supply room sink and it was repaired. It is time for the library survey to be administered. Becca Maples, Library Assistant will be attending a free virtual conference to help people with trauma issues; she will be reporting at the Staff Development Day. Graphs on circulation were presented and well received by the Board.

- VI. **Old Business:**
 - a. Facilities Committee: Amy Koenig presented for the committee. Parker Bourne chose the children’s library for her summer architectural project. Her project pictures were shared with the Board. A sophomore-level Missouri S&T class will use our building for their fall project with Board members attending classes to share information. We will

wait until December to formally ask renters to vacate at the end of August 2025. Todd Koenig (building committee member) will draft a plan to put in a drain to alleviate some of the roof issues and present it to the city for their approval.

Vote on building plan: This is tabled until December.

- b. FY24-25 Surplus:** Kristi Fleischhauer needs to send our list of ideas to the financial advisor to see what needs to be taxed and what doesn't. There was discussion on not using all the money for staff and adding to the list of ideas: more professional development, increased funds in community projects, or drainage pipe work.
- c. Non-Residency Fee Modification:** After the Board approved the fee increase last month Rebecca discovered that there is a recommended tax formula that many libraries use to determine the rate. Our rate with the formula is \$27. Thus the increase was changed to \$25 instead of \$30.

VII. New Business:

- a. Discussion on Current Library Climate:** Kristi Fleischhauer reported that the library continues to be active with users and Smokey Bear activities were happening.

IX. Schedule next meeting date: The next Library Board meeting will be Thursday, September 19th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Children's Wing and available via Zoom.

X. Adjourn: Helen Johnstone motioned to adjourn, Amy Koenig seconded. All approved and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.