

Rolla Public Library

Board of Trustees

Minutes of April 17, 2025

I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Kristi Fleischhauer called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Members present included: Amy Koenig, Kristi Fleischhauer, Brenda Linkeman, Rachel White, and Robert Haselwander. Member(s) not present included: Becky Roberts, Helen Johnstone. Two vacancies.

II. Welcome to Visitors and Public Comment: Kristi Fleischhauer opened the meeting for public comment with reminders of the policy for public comment.

III. Julie Peterman has resigned from the board because she is relocating. The mayor has been informed of the additional vacancy.

IV. Monthly Financial Review: We do not have March financial review or final February financials. Steffanie has been contacted earlier in the week. Robert will follow-up with Steffanie.

V. Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings: March session minutes, Amy Koenig motioned to approve minutes. Robert Haselwander seconded, and the motion passed.

V. Library Director's Report: The awarded grant for Summer Reading Program is frozen. The \$10,000 anonymous grant to the Friends of library has some stipulations in it, and summer reading program is one of the acceptable uses of the money. Archer-Elgin approved the use of the back steps that were previously in question. There are some recommendations for updating and not necessarily have to replace them. Basement bathroom floor is repaired. Spring book sale is set for 6/19-6/21. Rebecca shared the prizes for the 1001 books before kindergarten. The staff will be asking for sponsors for the program. Rebecca going to Kansas City for Libraries Advancing Community Learning to Reduce Substance Abuse Conference in May. A grant is funding her attendance. The railing for handicap ramp has been repaired. MPLD is June 5-6 and Rebecca would like to go since we have two full-time people leading summer programming.

VI. Old Business:

a. Facilities Committee - Rebecca, Kristi and Robert met with the mayor and city administrator. They discussed how the library gets the money from the city. The library is an executive department of the city. Government Independent Political Subdivision of the State per Missouri Statute. We became a tax funded library in 1938. To be removed as an executive department, we would have to go through the city council. This is unique among libraries in the state. We would need to take over the annual public hearing for the tax levy. We would not anticipate any change in income with this change, but the library board will have more control.

VII. New Business:

a. IMLS Grant Frozen - Canceled completely for three states, six states have received partial payments, no decision for Missouri yet. We have been getting 6-10k for summer reading program. This grant also subsidizes Missouri Evergreen and our Missouri Evergreen courier. We

currently pay about \$3000 per year. Without grant, our cost would potentially triple. Courier may be a bigger expense. We pay \$4500 per extra day per year currently and that is subsidized. Two other days are more subsidized as part of our yearly fees. Based on our volume we are required to have courier five days a week according to the contract that we have signed with MALA. We have a yearly contract with MALA. Rebecca will write an article that our summer reading program is going on as planned even though our funds are frozen, because of our currently generous donations.

VII. Schedule next meeting date: The next Library Board meeting will be Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in a meeting room in City Hall in person and available via Zoom.

VIII. Adjourn: Brenda Linkeman made the motion to adjourn, Robert Haselwander seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

Amy Koenig, Library Trustee