

Minutes of the
Festus Public Library Board of Directors Meeting
May 2, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Members Present: Mark Peckham, Eric Baldonado, Vicki Greminger, Ellen Ravencraft, Chris Nelson, Steve Stoll, Ron Scaggs, Vicki Cummings and Director Elizabeth Steffen.

Members Absent: Jenny Brummer

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Festus Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Mark Peckham. It was held in the large meeting room of the Festus Public Library.

Consent Agenda: Ellen Ravencraft moved to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of the April 4, 2024 meeting, Approval of Bills, Financial Report and the Librarian's Statistical Report. Steve Stoll seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: There were no visitors to report.

Librarian's Report May 2, 2024

1. We are gearing up for Summer Reading! This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library". We are doing things a little differently this year. It will run for six weeks instead of eight weeks, and we are making the Big Truck event the kickoff event instead of the closing event. Texas Roadhouse and KFC have donated coupons to use in the goody bags and Carla has come up with a lot of fun programs. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, May 28th . It should be a good time!
2. At the April 11th Foundation meeting, the trustees approved using the \$2000 Ameren grant towards purchasing chairs to replace the red chairs around the tables in the library. The Foundation also agreed to cover what the grant does not. The chairs have been ordered and I can't wait for them to get here. As part of the quote, Modern Business Interiors will be taking the old chairs when they bring the new ones. It's another way to enhance the library.
3. This summer, the Municipal Library Consortium will be joining Missouri Evergreen. This consortium includes Brentwood Public Library, Ferguson Municipal Library, Kirkwood Public Library, Maplewood Public Library, Richmond Heights Public Library, Rock Hill Public Library, University City Public Library, Valley Park Community Library, and Webster Groves Public Library. That will make 76 member libraries in Missouri Evergreen and over half the public libraries in the state. It's going to be a great addition.
4. DESE has begun sending out promotional items for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program rolled out in November in Missouri and gifts one book a month to children birth to age five once they are enrolled. We have gotten a box of books and are waiting to see what else will be coming our way.
5. The first Brown Bag Book Club met on Tuesday, April 16th. They had nine attendees, and everyone seemed to have a good time. They will meet again on May 21 and will be reading "The Only One Left" by Riley Sager.

6. Several members of the St. Louis Astronomical Society will be at the library on Friday, April 26th to give our telescopes a tune up. One of our patrons brought one of our telescopes to Jefferson College's observatory and the members noticed it needed some work. It will be good to have them back in top shape.

7. On Wednesday, April 17th, the water was shut off at the library for about four hours while work was completed on the water main on West Main St. It was supposed to be an hour job, but they ran into issues, so it took longer than expected. Pappas Chiropractic was generous and let us use the bathroom when the need arose.

8. On Wednesday, May 22nd, I will be speaking at Senn-Thomas Middle School about librarianship and how to become a librarian. I saw a post on Dunklin's Facebook page asking for volunteers and decided to apply. I was selected and will spend that morning speaking to sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students.

9. The first Food Truck Monday will happen on Monday, May 6th. Yo Dawg will be in the parking lot from 11-2. The plan is to have them parked on the east side of the lot, by guardrails. We shall see how it goes.

10. All city offices will be closed Wednesday, May 8th for Harry Truman's birthday and Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

Friends of the Library Report: The Friends voted to pay the cost of the Summer Reading Program 2024 craft supplies, books, prizes and goody bag items for a total cost of \$1457.90. Also to pay for a replacement rug for outside the library. They reported to total income from the Yard Sale was \$2076.25.

Unfinished Business:

Strategic Plan – nothing to report.

Public Comments Policy – The director continues her work and plans to present for review at the next meeting.

New Business:

June Meeting – The director will be at a conference on June 6th, so the meeting will be moved to the next week, June 13th.

The director asked to close the library on Saturday, May 25, to give the employees a longer weekend. Vicki Greminger made the motion to approve the closing, Steve Stoll seconded and the motion carried.

There was a discussion about the "Food Box" placed outside the library and whose responsibility it was. It was agreed that it was not the library's, that Walmart placed it and said they would maintain it. The director will call Walmart to discuss and report back to us.

Request to Destroy Records – Eric Baldonado made a motion to destroy passport transmittals older than 2 years. Ellen Ravenscraft seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjourn:

As there was no other business to discuss, Ron Scaggs made a motion to adjourn the Library Board meeting. Steve Stoll seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mark Peckham declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Nelson