

**The Riverside Regional Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 25, 2021**

The Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees conducted a meeting Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Riverside Regional Library, Jackson Library, 1997 E. Jackson Blvd., Jackson, Missouri.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Panagos at 7:06 p.m, where she welcomed the new Perry County Board Member Deborah Wideman and newly hired Business Office Manager Alea Belmas.

Roll Call

Members present were: Jill Barber, Tom Gross, JoAnn Hahs, Chris Hurst, Martha Mangels, Andy Meyer, Kathy Panagos, Jackie Pender, Janet Randolph, Deborah Wideman and Gary Ziegler. Members absent: June Ernst, Randal Friend and Carrie Massey. Also present were Library Director Jeff Trinkle, Recording Secretaries Roberta Brown and Alea Belmas.

Open Forum for Visitors – None.

A. Action Items

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by JoAnn Hahs, seconded by Martha Mangels, and approved unanimously to accept the January 2021 minutes.

A motion was made by Martha Mangels, seconded by Janet Randolph, and approved unanimously to accept the January 2021 Allowance of Bills and Financial Report.

B. Information Items

1. Correspondence - None.

2. Librarian's Report (Written report)

- A summary was shared showing the FY2020 Equalization Funds received for Cape Girardeau County of \$16,231.25 and for Scott County \$9,124.92 and how those funds significantly improved services we were able to provide to our patrons in each of those counties.
- The library is working on a MO State Library LSTA – Bi-Centennial Program Grant that we would partner with the Iron Mountain Railroad for a Jesse James train robbery, along with the history of trains and fireworks. Branches would be doing displays of trains and each County is looking into their own area for the history of train robberies. Alynda & Eunice are working on this.
- AARP tax aide starting at Jackson on Monday, March 1st from 9am to noon. We are limiting the number of people coming in.
- MOREnet FCC form 479 has been filed. The MOREnet members that have an internet connection through them file this form in order to secure a discounted rate (eRate) for that connection.

3. Committee Reports – None.

4. Unfinished Business

- The new website went live on Sunday 2/21/2021. They are still working on a DONATE button that will work with Pay Pal in order to secure donations.
- **Unrestricted Funds – None.**

5. New Business

- The 2020 Financial Statement is not quite finished yet according to our CPA Jerry Huskey. It will be available before the next meeting. Jeff will be going to various counties to give this information. Numbers are lower than usual due to Covid-19.
- The 66th Annual Report 2020 will be available at the March meeting.
- Section 3.7 of the handbook was handed out referring to Inclement Conditions and Emergency Closings. June Ernst had some concerns about Perryville choosing to close due to the weather, she sent her list of concerns with Jill Barber to go over with the Board. Her issues were discussed but no vote was taken. The Policy Committee would have to make any changes.
- Alea Belmas is taking over as Business Office Manager/Bookkeeper and will be working with the banks doing the deposits and taking care of the safety deposit box.

C. Executive Session – None.

D. Board Orientation and Training– None

E. Adjournment

Janet Randolph made a motion, seconded by Martha Mangels and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held at Jackson on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alea Belmas
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date: _____

Presiding Officer: _____