

Greenwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 9, 2023

Members attending in person: Lori Feller, Lew Gregory, Carmen Madsen, Shan Rutherford, Nathan Ellis

Members attending electronically: Tamara Russell via conference call

Members absent: Josh Jackson

Other attendees: Cheryl Dobbs, Kevin Hoover, Emily Ellis, Karen Jewell, Lynn Johnson, Linda Messick, Julia Reynolds, Anna Roberts, Mike Reuter

Unavailable: Donna Ciriello

Call to Order: Lori Feller called the May 2023 meeting of the Greenwood Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Lew Gregory led the Pledge of Allegiance and Shan Rutherford conducted the invocation.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Carmen Madsen moved to approve the minutes, Nate Ellis seconded, and the minutes of the April 11, 2023 board meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

Board Correspondence: Cheryl Dobbs reported that a note was received from Trina McLaughlin thanking the library for serving as a polling location again. She reported that the library had over 2500 voters, the highest of any of the available centers.

Attorney's Update: None

Finance Committee Report:

Tamara Russell reported that the Finance Committee met on May 4, 2023. All fund accounts were in balance. Carmen Madsen signed off on all bank balances.

During the meeting, Cheryl mentioned some large expenses coming up, including carpet and window cleaning and re-vitrifying the terrazzo. Ongoing savings to monthly expenses will be realized from the change in elevator company from Markey to Oracle, and a change in the printer lease from Toshiba to Konica. A change to the security entrance was also discussed.

Review of Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report

Carmen Madsen noted that all liabilities have been recognized, checks have been written and signed, and payments will be made on time.

Carmen Madsen moved to approve, Shan Rutherford seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved by signature.

New Business:

Mike Reuter, Finance Report

Our financial advisor, Mike Reuter, presented an update to the Fiscal Plan. The forecast for the library through 2025 remains favorable.

April Reports:

Director's Report

Cheryl Dobbs shared GPL's success once again as an early voting and election day polling place. The library has become the most popular polling place option in the area. This year was challenged by the intensity of the on-site campaigning.

A couple of grants have been applied for, an Eli Lilly Literacy Grant and a Johnson County Community Grant. Funds are sought for creating new, engaging story time rooms for the Children's Department and a facelift for the recording studio. Neither of these were addressed in the recent renovation projects. Fable the Fox will feature prominently in the GPL Main Street which will be designed and maintained by the same company that created the Children's Department play area. Early ideas are for Fable to exist as a costumed mascot and the Atrium to be renamed Fable's Den with encouragement to "read with Fable." More to come!

Community Relations Specialist's Report

Julia Reynolds reported success with the second Hello, Neighbor networking hour. She plans to continue this opportunity monthly. Recent donations have come in from Midwest Remediation, \$300 for Shred Day, and Citizens Bank, \$1000. Julia led tours for the property manager of The Madison Apartments, and representatives from WorkOne Central and ICC Business Products. Julia also nominated GPL for Aspire's Business Success for Non-Profits Award. The process of completing the application, which required articulating examples of the measured behaviors, was as rewarding as the finalist award.


Reports: Department managers provided reports on their activities.

Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Lori Feller adjourned the meeting at 7:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tamara Russell
Secretary