

## Tuesday, June 20, 2023: Open Session

**Trustees in Attendance:** Paula Bishop, Janis Hagen, Matthew Suarez, Stephanie Sekscinski, and Allyson Tuckness.

**Trustee(s) Absent:** None.

**Also present:** Wanetta Bright; Renee Brumett; DeeDee Brashers; David Carmichael; John Garrity; Jordan Gloyd; Whit Gillenwaters; Representative Jamie Gragg; Sarah Hayter; Nicholas Holladay; Brandon Jason; Reggie Micham; Aileena Keen; Sherry Leonard; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Deborah Spindle; Randy Sterner; Valerie Swearingen; Mary Thompson; Don Watson; and several additional unidentified guests.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met for a regular monthly session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in the Large Meeting Room of the Nixa Community Branch.

President Matthew Suarez presided.

Any reports, exhibits, or supporting materials presented during the open portions of this meeting and referred to in these minutes may be obtained [upon request](#).

**Start Time:** 6:00 p.m.

### Consent Agenda

Paula Bishop requested that the Report of the Executive Director be removed. She then congratulated graduating staff and shared her excitement about the new grant funded computers in Nixa, the extensive menu of recent programs, and the continued assortment of notes of praise from patrons.

Allyson Tuckness then moved to approve the Report of the Executive Director. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

All remaining items in the consent agenda were adopted without objection.

### Public Comments

President Suarez moved public comments to the beginning of the meeting so that Trustees could hear public concerns before any final Board discussion about a potential content-based rating system.

This month speakers included: Wanetta Bright, John Garrity, Sherry Leonard, Aileena Keen, Reggie Micham, Deborah Spindle, and Randy Sterner.

### Administrative Highlights

Youth Services Director Dana Roberts shared information about the library's Spring Reading Challenge and highlights of the Summer Reading Challenge so far.

### Old Business

#### Rating System

After individually reviewing the recommendations presented by the library's Executive Director for over a month, doing their own research, and hearing final input from concerned members of the community, Trustees presented their thoughts on the issue to each other and those assembled.

Trustee Tuckness then moved to affirm the analysis provided by Director Brumett advising not to adopt a content-based rating and labeling system. Trustee Sekscinski seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

## **New Business**

### **Policy Updates**

#### *Materials Selection Policy*

Stephanie Sekscinski moved to adopt the updated *Materials Selection Policy* as presented. Allyson Tuckness seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

#### *Censorship Policy*

Stephanie Sekscinski moved to adopt the updated *Censorship Policy* as presented. Allyson Tuckness seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

#### *Unattended Children Policy*

Allyson Tuckness moved to adopt the updated *Unattended Children Policy* as presented. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

#### *Meeting & Study Room Policies*

Allyson Tuckness moved to adopt the updated *Meeting & Study Room Policies* as presented. Stephanie Sekscinski seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:12 p.m.