

Tuesday, August 27, 2024: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Echo Alexzander, Diana Brazeale, John Garrity, Janis Hagen, and Allyson Tuckness (until 7:32 p.m.).

Trustee(s) Absent: None.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met for a regular monthly session on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 in the Large Meeting Room of the Nixa Community Branch. 56 members of the community were present.

President Tuckness presided until the Board of Trustees Vice President Election agenda item. President Alexzander presided after.

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Janis Hagen moved to approve all items in the consent agenda. Echo Alexzander seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexzander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

Administrative Highlights

Summer Reading Challenge Update

Youth Services Director Dana Roberts shared pictures and statistics from another incredibly successful year of summer reading.

Old Business

Pre-Design Services

Janis Hagen moved to select Sapp Design Architects for the Nixa Community Branch renovation pre-design process and potentially for the complete renovation project if Trustees and staff are satisfied with their work and if a second selection process is not required by law. She also requested that Director Brumett assign numerical values to her analysis and written recommendations using the KT vendor scoring tool to provide an additional form of supporting documentation for their decision. John Garrity seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexzander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

Review of June Conversation with Legal Counsel Regarding Collection Access

President Tuckness presented a summary of a June conversation Trustees had with the library's legal counsel seeking guidance about collection access and the legalities of removing materials, relocating materials, and labeling materials in response to comments heard during the public comments section of board meetings. Trustee Brazeale presented an idea to apply rainbow spine label stickers to children's and young adult library materials that have LGBTQ content as defined by Library of Congress subject headings.

Janis Hagen moved to request that Director Brumett provide a list of two to three dozen LGBTQ related Library of Congress subject headings and spine labels available from library vendors to choose from at the next regular meeting. Additionally, she moved that Director Brumett review recent requests for reconsideration to ensure subject headings for those previously challenged materials are included in the list. Diana Brazeale seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexzander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

John Garrity moved to make the legal memo provided by counsel in the closed session on this matter available to the public. Diana Brazeale seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexzander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

New Business

Audit

Mary Miles from Miles CPA & Associates, LLC presented the results of the library's 2023 audit.

Board of Trustees Vice President Election

John Garrity moved to recast all officer positions with the following slate: Echo Alexzander, President; Diana Brazeale, Vice President; Janis Hagen, Secretary; John Garrity, Treasurer; and Allyson Tuckness, Member-at-Large. Echo Alexzander seconded. 3 Trustees were in favor and 1 opposed. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexzander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Nay.

2024 Tax Levy

Executive Director Brumett presented an explanation of the 2024 tax levy numbers.

President Alexzander then opened the meeting up for public comments about the levy. None were presented.

Diana Brazeale moved to set the 2024 tax levy rate at 0.1861. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

Public Comment Policy

Echo Alexzander moved to extend the public comment period by 30 minutes, to move its place on the agenda to before the old and new business sections, and to revise the wording of the policy as discussed. John Garrity seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

Public Comments

This month speakers included: Kevin Bright, Wanetta Bright, Mary Dyke, Amy Hoogstraet, Abigail Hope, Aileena Keen, Jeanie Lovewell, Sheila Michaels, Reggie Micham, Mike Miller, David Rice, Jennifer Rosebrock, Laura Umphenour, and Kory Wilcox.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:11 p.m.