

Tuesday, September 24, 2024: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Echo Alexzander, Diana Brazeale, John Garrity, Janis Hagen, and Allyson Tuckness.

Trustee(s) Absent: None.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met for a regular monthly session on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 in the Large Meeting Room of the Nixa Community Branch. 104 members of the community were present.

Allyson Tuckness presided, and voted when needed to reach a majority.

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Tuckness asked to pull the minutes from the August 27th, 2024 meeting from the consent agenda.

Janis Hagen moved to approve all remaining items in the consent agenda. Allyson Tuckness seconded. 3 Trustees were in favor and 2 opposed. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexzander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Nay; Trustee Garrity: Nay; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

John Garrity moved to accept the minutes from the August 27th, 2024 meeting. 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.

Trustee Hagen wanted to note for the record that she agrees the minutes are factually accurate, but objects to the legality of the officer election, and questions the validity of any action taken during the remainder of the meeting based on that vote. Trustee Tuckness noted her concern about using the election outcome recorded in the approved minutes for any library business until the legality of the election is decided.

Administrative Highlights

Director's Creativity Showcase

Nixa Community Branch Manager Brandon Jason celebrated the success of CCL's fourth year of partnering with CC Links and the Missouri Mental Health Foundation to display the 2024 Director's Creativity Showcase winners in a statewide traveling art exhibit.

Public Comments

This month speakers included: Jennifer Acker, Haylee Anderson, Kevin Bright, Wanetta Bright, Carissa Corson, Cindy Dickens, Christopher Geier, Mary Hernandez de Carl, Beth Hultz, Aileena Keen, Emma Yancy, and Tamara Yancy.

Old Business

RFP (Request for Proposal) Process for Library Software

As requested in the July regular meeting, Executive Director Brumett presented recommendations for a feasible request for proposal (RFP) process timeline if Trustees were to want to explore different library software options. She is currently researching alternatives to MOBIUS and will report options to Trustees in coming months.

Labeling Library Materials

Executive Director Brumett provided Trustees with an overview of how the library currently uses a variety of spine labels as finding aids and explained how labeling books by subject heading would be different. Then, as directed in the August regular meeting, she gave Trustees a list of LGBTQ related Library of Congress subject headings, a selection of possible spine labels available from library vendors, and an estimate of how many children's and young adult materials in CCL's collection would be labeled if all categories identified were used.

Also as requested, she reported how many books already challenged through requests for reconsideration had LGBTQ subject headings.

Trustee Brazeale requested that Director Brumett try to find a list of item tags used in Coolcat and report back.

New Business

Bylaws Revision

- Article II: Elections & Appointments, Section I.
Diana Brazeale moved to amend as follows:

Officers of Christian County Library's Board of Trustees shall be elected at least once a year at the July meeting, but may be elected at any open regular or special meeting. Such officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

John Garrity seconded. 3 Trustees were in favor and 1 opposed. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Nay (with a noted objection that allowing elections at any time of the year rather than only when vacancies occur could cause organizational instability).

- Article II: Elections & Appointments, Section VI.
No action taken.
- Article II: Elections & Appointments, Section VII.
John Garrity moved to amend as follows:

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees shall follow the Christian County Commission process for appointment and re-appointment of members to the Library Board in accordance with Missouri state statute Title XI § 182.050. Qualified citizens interested in serving should review the Christian County Commission website or contact their office for details.

Diana Brazeale seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

- Article II: Elections & Appointments, Section IX.
No action taken.

2025 Important Dates

Janis Hagen moved to approve the 2025 holidays as presented. John Garrity seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

Echo Alexander moved to approve the 2025 regular meeting dates table with the caveat that any "key agenda item" reminders are moved to correspond with any future changes to the bylaws. Diana Brazeale seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Alexander: Aye; Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

Review of CCL Counsel
No action taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:36 p.m.