

Tuesday, October 22, 2024: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Diana Brazeale, John Garrity, Janis Hagen, Echo Schneider, and Allyson Tuckness (until 6:06 p.m.).

Trustee(s) Absent: None.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met for a regular monthly session on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 in the Large Meeting Room of the Nixa Community Branch. 82 members of the community were present.

Allyson Tuckness opened the meeting by reading a personal statement of resignation and promptly leaving.

Per the bylaws, in the absence of both a President and Vice President, John Garrity nominated Echo Schneider to serve as President pro tempore for the remainder of the meeting. Diana Brazeale seconded. 3 Trustees were in favor and 1 opposed. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Nay; and Trustee Schneider: Aye.

Trustee Schneider then presided and voted as needed to reach a majority.

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

Administrative Highlights

Patron Insights Update

Director of Communications and Community Engagement, Nicholas Holladay, gave his annual overview of several marketing metrics the library utilizes to track the effectiveness of library services and measure patron satisfaction, all which continue to show CCL outperforming comparable libraries and surpassing industry standards.

Public Comments

This month speakers included: Chris Barrett, Paula Bishop, Kevin Bright, Wanetta Bright, Cindy Dickens, Gretchen Garrity, Christopher Geier, Amy Hoogstraet, Jeanette Johns, Aileena Keen, Daniel Lord, Reggie Micham, and Laura Umphenour.

Old Business

Bylaws Revision - Second Reading

- Article II: Elections & Appointments, Section I.
John Garrity moved to adopt the revision as presented. Diana Brazeale seconded. 2 Trustees were in favor and 1 opposed. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Nay.
- Article II: Elections & Appointments, Section VII.
Diana Brazeale moved to adopt the revision as presented. John Garrity seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

Catalog Tags Update

Executive Director Brumett explained she couldn't obtain a static list but was able to report that there are currently 184 million tags which are continuously user generated through a third party. No additional followup was requested.

Resource Sharing Software Update

Executive Director Brumett reported that MOBIUS has agreed to give a full refund for CCL's 2024-2025 membership fees due to ongoing problems with the software migration functionality. While waiting to see if they can fix the current issues, Director Brumett proposed an interim solution that would temporarily utilize a reconfigured version of OCLC, CCL's current interlibrary loan system. The reconfiguration proposed does not require a new contract or an increased fee but will require at least a month of staff time to set up and get ready for use.

If MOBIUS is not functional by the end of the membership year, Director Brumett will explore alternate resource sharing software options, including an additional OCLC expansion module that could make OCLC more user friendly for patrons.

Finally, Trustee Garrity requested that Director Brumett provide the board with the list of features promised by MOBIUS with the software migration and the proposed timeline for their release. She agreed to do so.

Review of Legal Counsel

Echo Schneider moved to provide 30 days written notice to terminate CCL's "Agreement for Legal Services" with the Styron Law Firm that was dated October 1, 2017. John Garrity seconded. 2 Trustees were in favor and 1 abstained. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Abstain.

Echo Schneider moved to proceed with an RFP process to obtain new library legal counsel within the next 30 days with interviews and selection deliberation special meetings to be scheduled during the week of November 18th. Diana Brazeale seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

New Business

December Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Brumett will not be available to attend the December meeting as scheduled so Trustees discussed alternate dates, settling on Monday, December 16th, at the same time and place. The Trustees page of the website will be updated to reflect the change.

Opening Meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance

John Garrity moved to open public meetings with the pledge of allegiance. Diana Brazeale seconded. 2 Trustees were in favor and 1 opposed. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Nay.

Providing Copies of all Harry Styron's Opinions to Public Record & Board Packets

John Garrity moved that going forward all legal memos prepared by library counsel to provide Trustees with legal advice, with the exception of those concerning pending litigation, will be made available to the public as a part of the board's next regular publicly posted meeting packet. The two prepared by Harry Styron but not yet released, one from December of 2023 and one from October 2024, will be added to the October 2024 packet before it is posted as exhibits for this agenda item. Diana Brazeale seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; and Trustee Hagen: Aye.

Formal Request for Updated Organization Chart and Job Descriptions

John Garrity moved that Executive Director Brumett provide an updated organizational chart to the board by November 15th and a packet of updated job descriptions by December 15th and that the organizational chart

be posted on the website. Diana Brazeale seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed.

2025 Preliminary Budget

Executive Director Brumett presented a first draft of the 2025 budget and answered Trustee questions. The final draft will be brought to Trustees in November for a vote.

2025 Interim Director and Understudy Appointments

Executive Director Brumett designated Dana Roberts, Director of Youth Services, as Interim Director and Tory Pegram, Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships, as Understudy to the Interim Director for 2025.

Lawsuit

Trustees Schneider and Garrity requested to table this discussion for a future meeting without any objections.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:54 p.m.