

Tuesday, November 19, 2024: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Diana Brazeale, John Garrity, Janis Hagen, and Echo Schneider (by phone).

Trustee(s) Absent: None.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met for a regular monthly session on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 in the Large Meeting Room of the Nixa Community Branch. 34 members of the community were present.

Trustee Schneider opened the meeting and newly elected Vice President Brazeale presided for the remainder.

Start Time: 6:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Officer Elections (May Include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary)

John Garrity nominated Trustee Schneider for President, Trustee Brazeale for Vice President, and himself for Treasurer. Diana Brazeale seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Brazeale: Aye; Trustee Garrity: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Schneider: Aye.

Vice President Brazeale then took over as Chair of the meeting since the newly elected President was participating remotely by phone.

Consent Agenda

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

Administrative Highlights

None presented.

Public Comments

This month speakers included: Wanetta Bright and Aileena Keen.

Old Business

Resource Sharing Software Update

Executive Director Brumett explained the structure of the membership-based non-profit MOBIUS board and how serving on that board as CCL's representative is a benefit to the library and does not represent a conflict of interest. She receives no compensation, routinely reports the position in all relevant Missouri Ethics Commission disclosures, and recuses herself from votes wherever required by governing laws or policies.

She also shared the latest updates on the MOBIUS software migration and updated Trustees on the process of implementing an expanded version of OCLC as an additional interim resource for patrons.

Legal Counsel RFP Responses - Review, Discussion, and Selection of New Counsel

John Garrity moved to select Robert E. Petrowsky from Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson P.C. as the library's new legal counsel. Echo Schneider seconded. 2 Trustees were in favor and 1 opposed. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Garrity: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Nay (noting her concern about the higher hourly rate and longer list of reimbursable expenses proposed, and asking that those costs be carefully monitored); and Trustee Schneider: Aye.

New Business

Bylaws Revision

- Article V: Order Of Business

John Garrity moved to adopt the changes as discussed. Echo Schneider seconded. 2 Trustees were in favor and 1 opposed. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Garrity: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Nay (noting her concern that requiring the Executive Director to “obtain the approval of the President” rather than to “consult with the President” would give the Board President, rather than the Board as a whole, power over the agenda); and Trustee Schneider: Aye.

- Article VIII: Scope of Authority

John Garrity moved to table this item until the December meeting in order to allow for further review. Echo Schneider seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Garrity: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Schneider: Aye.

2025 Budget (Including Updated Payscale and Organizational Chart)

Janis Hagen moved to approve the 2025 budget and payscale as presented and to arrange a meeting with the Executive Director and Director of Finance and Business Operations for Trustee Garrity to be trained in his role as Treasurer. John Garrity seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Garrity: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Schneider: Aye.

In addition, Trustee Garrity asked Executive Director Brumett to email Trustees a list of the names of all current staff members and their corresponding job titles as a supplement to the updated organizational chart provided in the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:40 p.m.