

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Trustees in Attendance: Ken Barthelette, Janis Hagen, Loretta Hermann, Christa Mitchell (at 5:36 p.m), and Maurine Myers.

Trustee(s) Absent: None.

Also present: DeeDee Brashers; Jordan Gloyd; Tom Hembree; Nicholas Holladay; Jon Mendelke; Joe Morgan; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Scott Villarreal; Don Watson; and Harry Styron (Styron & Shilling - until 5:37 p.m.).

The Christian County Library Board of Trustees met in a special “secondary” session via Zoom on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was open to the public through a publicly posted web link. President Barthelette 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: 5:31 p.m.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

Agenda Items

Update on Sparta Lawsuit

Christian County Library’s attorney Harry Styron explained that, since he has not yet received a response to the claims still pending in the original lawsuit despite attempts to get clarity from the City of Sparta on where they stand, he will soon file an amended petition to which the City of Sparta will have 30 days to respond. Library staff will work with him and Project Architects to determine the total amount of damages that should be sought to compensate the Library for all extra costs associated with the delay.

Memorial Display in Honor of George Blaisdell at the Sparta Community Branch

Trustees discussed several possible ideas including a temporary memorial to George to be set up for just the opening days of the branch, perhaps dedicating a bench in his honor, displaying a picture more permanently somewhere in the Branch, or holding a program or vigil for him and other volunteers who have passed but worked to make the Sparta Community Branch a reality.

Trustee Mitchell wanted to be sure that tributes and official recognition would not be reserved only for those who donate. Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships Pegram explained that an annual volunteer and donor recognition event is in the works for future post-COVID times to more systematically and officially thank everyone who gives either time or money to help the Library and agreed that both types of support are invaluable and deserve to be honored. Pegram also cautioned that whatever is done for George Blaisdell by the Trustees, must be seen as a precedent for the passing of other important Library volunteers in future times, and suggested waiting to see first what the Christian County Library Foundation decides to donate in his honor before deciding.

Loretta Hermann moved to table the issue until after the Library Foundation meets and determines what is most appropriate to do in his honor. Janis Hagen seconded the motion. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Other New Business

None presented.

Adjournment

Janis Hagen moved to adjourn. Loretta Hermann seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.