

Tuesday, October 26, 2021: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Paula Bishop, Janis Hagen, and Matthew Suarez.

Trustee(s) Absent: Kristal Hicks and Allyson Tuckness.

Also present: DeeDee Brashers; Renee Brumett; Jordan Gloyd; Tory Pegram; Mary Thompson; and Don Watson (until 6:32 p.m.).

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session at 6:00 p.m on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 via Zoom. The open portions of the meeting were open to the public through a publicly posted web link.

Vice President Matthew Suarez presided and voted in order to make a majority.

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: 6:03 p.m.

Public Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

All items in the consent agenda were adopted without objection.

Administrative Highlights

Ozark Branch Manager, Jordan Gloyd, gave a presentation on two successful recent CCL programs.

The Overdue Concert Series was the first in-person program series since the pandemic began and featured five regional outdoor concerts. Events were held at all four branches and were tremendously well-attended and well-received. \$1,750 to support the performers for the series was secured through a grant from the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies (MACAA) and Missouri Arts Council's Ghost Light Funding Program.

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning was another recent in-person program led at Rose Hill Cemetery in Billings by a local expert who taught 12 patrons how to restore gravestones in order to uncover the history engraved on them, and preserve them for the future. The Christian County Friends of the Library provided \$450 to help purchase the supplies and environmentally safe chemical cleaning agents that were required for the event. Now that the Library owns the necessary equipment, staff will be able to offer this program again in future years.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Draft 2022 Budget

Executive Director Brumett presented an overview of how the 2022 Budget is shaping up so far and answered questions. The final draft will be brought to Trustees in November for a vote.

Policy Updates:

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Policy

Executive Director Succession Policy

Janis Hagen moved to adopt all policy revisions as presented. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

2022 Interim Director and Understudy Appointments

Executive Director Brumett designated Tory Pegram, Director of Development & Strategic Partnerships, as Interim Director and Dana Roberts, Director of Youth Services, as Understudy to the Interim Director for 2022 as per the Executive Director Succession Policy.

Review of Municipal Advisory Services Agreement

Executive Director Brumett reviewed the Municipal Advisory Services Agreement submitted by Michael Short from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, and explained to Trustees how the proposed fee structure would work and when the costs involved might rise to the level of requiring Board approval. After discussing how his proposal compares to others in the industry with regards to pricing, library expertise, and the fiduciary standard of service pledged, Trustees agreed that contracting with Mr. Short to explore investment and financial planning options seemed to be in the best interest of the Library. Executive Director Brumett will sign the agreement and begin to work with him in coming weeks and months.

Adjournment

Paula Bishop moved to adjourn. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.