

## **Tuesday, January 25, 2022: Open Session**

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

**Trustee(s) Absent:** Kristal Hicks.

**Also present:** DeeDee Brashers; Renee Brumett; Jordan Gloyd; Sarah Hayter; Nicholas Holladay; Jen; Mark Jenkins; Kiki; Linda; M.B.; Oaks; Ms. Ridle; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Mary Thompson; Don Watson; and Zoom User.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 via Zoom. The open portions of the meeting were open to the public through a publicly posted web link.

President Matthew Suarez 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:** 6:05 p.m.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Consent Agenda**

All items in the consent agenda were adopted without objection.

Janis Hagen commended Executive Director Brumett for her continuing efforts to meet one-on-one with staff to get to know the needs of the library and its employees from their perspectives.

Matthew Suarez congratulated CCL's Youth Programming Specialist Joe Misterovich for the invitation to participate in MIT's Public Library Innovation Exchange (PLIX) Rural & Tribal Library Toolkit Project. This program will provide several hundred dollars in STEM programming materials to the library for use in youth programs.

### **Administrative Highlights**

Director of Development & Strategic Partnerships Pegram presented information about the four Howard Garrison paintings owned by CCL that were loaned to Ozark Mill at Finley Farms for display in their soon to be opened Garrison Speakeasy. The loan is for one year but can be renewed.

As a part of a customized lending agreement CCL negotiated, the Mill agreed to cover the expense of appraising the paintings (a savings of \$850 for the library) so they could be properly insured by the Mill while in their care. All four paintings together appraised for a replacement value of \$20,500. Each painting will be displayed with a plaque next to it that says "On Loan from the Howard Garrison Collection at Christian County Library" so visitors to the Mill know where to go for more information on this important part of Ozark's history.

### **Old Business**

COVID Update

Executive Director Brumett reviewed all library procedures and policies currently in place to ensure patron and staff safety. She will work with administrative staff to prepare more specifics for Trustees on various contingency plans for closures or reduced services if ever needed.

### Financial Strategy Update

Executive Director Brumett had her first meeting with the library's contracted financial advisor, Michael Short from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. He is preparing a range of financing and investment options and recommendations for future growth that will be presented to Trustees in coming weeks.

Director Brumett is still in talks with the owner of the Nixa building about leasing additional office and storage space. Once specific proposals and pricing are offered, she will share with Trustees.

### Board Retreat

Due to concern about the safety of a day long in-person meeting, the retreat has again been postponed. Trustees present agreed to postpone until either Thursday, April 7th, March 31st, or April 28th. President Suarez will check in with all the Trustees about availability and circulate the day that works best to the group.

### **New Business**

Virtual Library Advocacy Week Board Participation (Orientation Zoom Feb 8th)

All Trustees will try to register and attend the Zoom orientation or to watch the recorded version of that meeting. Matthew Suarez and Allyson Tuckness would like to attend any virtual meetings with legislators they can fit into their schedules.

### Statistical Reports

Executive Director Brumett showed Trustees CCL's 2021 Annual Report and the Public Library Survey completed annually for the State of Missouri to showcase the wide range of statistics about library use already being collected and to ask which others they may want to see regularly.

Trustees want to continue to be given basic library use stats that the Executive Director wants to highlight each month, but would also like to see any evidence of unexpected or exciting changes or trends in various dimensions of library use that the numbers may show throughout the year.

### **Adjournment**

Allyson Tuckness 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 Tuckness: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.