

Tuesday, February 22, 2022: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Paula Bishop (from 6:16 p.m.), Janis Hagen, Matthew Suarez, and Allyson Tuckness.

Trustee(s) Absent: Kristal Hicks.

Also present: Renee Brumett; Jordan Gloyd; Sarah Hayter; Nicholas Holladay; Brandon Jason; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Mary Thompson; and Don Watson.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 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: 6:01 p.m.

Public Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

All items in the consent agenda were adopted without objection.

Administrative Highlights

None presented.

Old Business

COVID Update

Executive Director Brumett explained that there are no updates on COVID-related library policies, but that overall there have been fewer staff cases in recent weeks.

Virtual Library Advocacy Week Summary

Executive Director Brumett and President Suarez updated the group on the highlights of another year of successful advocacy meetings with the state's elected representatives for Christian County.

Financial Strategy, Nixa Space Update

Though the library's most recent consultation with contracted financial advisor, Michael Short from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. was postponed, Executive Director Brumett reported that it appears that there will be some unused bond funds after all construction costs from the expansion are reimbursed that likely can be applied to future bond payments. More details will be presented when available.

Executive Director Brumett outlined the pricing and terms of renting approximately 1,000 square feet of additional office and storage space in the Nixa Community Branch location for administrative use. The quote for that space came in at \$12,852, or roughly \$12 per square foot, with some minor additional anticipated ancillary monthly expenses for utilities and furnishings. Though no vote was required since the cost came in well below the approved budgeted amount of \$15,000 for 2022, Trustees unanimously supported securing the much needed space.

Continued Trustee Rotation Assignments for Foundation Meetings

March 23 (In Person @ Nixa Community Branch) - Matthew

April 20 - Paula

May 18 - Janis

June 15 - Allyson

Board Retreat, April 7, 2022

Executive Director Brumett and President Suarez checked in with Trustees to confirm the planned April 7th retreat date. So far, no one has any conflicts.

New Business

Library Week (April 3-9)

Executive Director Brumett explained National Library Week to Trustees and informed them that the City of Nixa will be issuing a Proclamation at their March 28th City Council Meeting designating that week as Library Week in the City of Nixa as well. Director Brumett will give a brief presentation to the Council about the library's work in Nixa and invited all Trustees to attend.

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 6:38 p.m.