

Tuesday, June 21, 2022: Open Session

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

Trustee(s) Absent: None.

Also present: Emily Alexander; DeeDee Brashers; Bryan Cox; Carissa; Renee Brumett; Brenda Faith; Sarah Hayter; Nicholas Holladay; iPhone 10; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Shannon (Shay) Shoemaker; Valerie Swearingen; Mary Thompson; and Brennen Wood.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 by Zoom at a publicly posted 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

After President Suarez congratulated all graduating and newly hired staff members, all items in the consent agenda were adopted without objection.

Administrative Highlights

Storywalk®

Director of Youth Services, Dana Roberts, and Youth Programming Specialist from the Nixa Community Branch, Emily Alexander, shared news of the resounding success of the library's Storywalk® initiative. The program transforms picture books (with publisher permission) into interactive public art displays in the parks and greenways of Christian County communities.

The City of Nixa recently won a Missouri Municipal League (MML) Innovation Award for its Sensory Path at the Gardens of Woodfield which was created in partnership with the library to feature Storywalk® panels.

Old Business

COVID Update

Executive Director Brumett reported that there were no recent COVID-related library or personnel policy updates, but noted that exposures and infections reported by staff have increased in recent weeks. She will continue to regularly monitor advisories and recommendations from local, state, and national health experts to ensure both patron and staff safety.

Finance Update - Nixa Purchase

Executive Director Brumett and Director of Finance and Business Operations Thompson continue to work closely with the Library's financial advisor to investigate pricing and finance options for the possible purchase of the Nixa building. They have begun the process of securing multiple quotes for an appraisal. Trustees will be kept updated as details and more concrete next steps emerge.

Strategic Planning Update

Executive Director Brumett has selected a six person core planning team representing a cross section of expertise and roles within the library. This team will lead the initial stages of the planning process by coordinating input from library colleagues, community partners, and the public.

New Business

Annual Report from the Christian County Library Foundation

Foundation President Bryan Cox and Vice President Shannon Shoemaker updated Trustees on all the exciting work the Foundation is doing to benefit the library. They discussed the first round of grants given to the library (over \$5,000 in the spring and up to \$5,000 more planned for the fall), showcased their new website, and announced a charity casino night fundraiser is being planned for the fall.

Scheduling Trustee Rotation for Foundation Meetings - July Forward

Trustees agreed on a meeting rotation schedule through the end of 2022. Foundation leadership expressed gratitude for the Trustees's active involvement in their work.

Adjournment

Allyson Tuckness moved to adjourn. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.