

**Brentwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM

Vice President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board members present were Kathy Ryan (Vice President); Jeanette Oesterly (Treasurer); Kelsey Burkemper; Laura McAllister; Angela BoClair-Jones; Mary Stevens; Beth Miller Erman (substitute secretary). Gina Gibbons, Library Director, was present. Alderman Liaison Brandon Wegge was present. Ed Wright (President) and Lori Ashmore-Ruppel (Secretary) were absent.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda as submitted by M. Stevens and seconded by J. Oesterly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting with one correction (misspelling of J. Oesterly's last name on page 3) was made by J. Oesterly and seconded by A. BoClair-Jones.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no guests or public comments at the meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Wegge shared that the Destination Playground at Brentwood Park opened April 6. It will be a great place for future library events including the Black and Red event in May. However, it was quickly discovered that parking is limited, so parking will need to be considered for future events.

Alderman Wegge shared that Proposition L, the library tax levy, passed at the April 2 election. Wegge suggested that the library share the practice of the Brentwood Schools, which had all of the inspectors come in at the same time every day and suggested the library work with the Board of Alderman re: inspectors.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Gibbons reiterated that Proposition L passed in the April 2 election and expressed thanks to the Board of Trustees for its work. She said she planned to meet with the representatives from Stifel Financial this week regarding selling bonds before the building is purchased and Chrissy Rogers from Arcturis the following week.

Gibbons shared that Asha Norman, a part-time employee at the library, won the Ann Barnett Service Award from Texas Women's University for her work in the LIS field. In addition, the library has two new employees: Andrew, who is returning as a librarian, and Ross.

The library is also getting a new firewall from Missouri State Library and Morenet.

The event with DJ Chris Brown was a big hit with patrons. Brown will return for one or two more classes in the future. The 314 Day event was also very popular.

The seed library set up in the library by Linda, a new part-time employee, has been very popular with patrons.

The library also received a lot of calls on Monday, April 8, regarding the availability of solar eclipse glasses.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Relations committee: K. Ryan will schedule a meeting in April or early May to consider post-election activities and events. She will ask people to volunteer for the summer concert series at Brentwood Park and for the May 13 Black and Red Band event.
2. Library Advocacy committee had no report.
3. Strategic Plan Committee: B. Miller Erman will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks after a few months off. The committee plans to meet with Chrissy Rogers from Arcturis as well as the Brentwood Sustainability Committee and the Community Relations Committee to discuss sustainability in the new building. K. Burkemper suggested taking comments from the public to allow them to be part of the planning process and to help answer questions about the new library. L. McAllister suggested posting new signage at the new building that is informative about what the new building will look like.

FINANCIAL REPORT

J. Oesterly reported that the investments have brought in \$240,000. Director Gibbons reported that the last earnest money deposit for the new building is due April 15.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The board discussed added Easter to the library's list of holiday closures. The library was open on Easter, March 31, and had 14 patrons, down from about 100 on most Sundays. K. Burkemper questioned whether it would be a paid holiday or if the library would close. The board decided to table the discussion until next month.
2. J. Oesterly said the board will be electing officers in May. The current slate of officers has agreed to continue for the next year. However, anyone who would like to run for an office needs to declare their candidacy in May, when the board will vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. was made by K. Burkemper and seconded by J. Oesterly.

Respectfully submitted: Beth Miller Erman