

Brentwood Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM

Kathy Ryan, vice president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Kathy Ryan, Kelsey Thurman Burkemper, Mary Stevens, Jeanette Oesterly, Beth Miller Erman, Laura McAllister. Gina Gibbons, library director was present, as was Sharon Harter, aldermanic liaison. Ed Wright, Angela BoClair and Lori Ashmore-Ruppel were absent. A quorum was present.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Kathy Ryan. Jeanette Oesterly seconded. All voted aye.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 8 meeting by Mary Stevens, seconded by Kelsey Burkemper. All vote aye.

READING OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Horton was present and thanked Gina for ordering some books. Megan Moss was present. She will be taking Jeanette's place on the board after Jeanette's term ends.

ALDERMANIC LIAISON'S REPORT

The library board welcomed Sharon Harter, new aldermanic liaison. This is Sharon's second term as alderperson. She has lived here for over 40 years.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We had our Summer Reading Club kickoff at the library May 12. About 30-40 people were present. Someone complained that the music was "angry."

We are going to collect our own tax money starting this fall. We have our own account at St. Louis County and with the State Auditor, so we can have our own tax hearing, and the city won't have to cut us a check.

Asha left BPL to work at a St. Louis County library branch as a circulation manager.

The library is updating to Windows 11.

We are getting the money for the summer reading club grant and to migrate to Missouri Evergreen from the IMLS. We had a generous anonymous patron who gave BPL \$1,600 for the summer reading club grant. After they learned that the IMLS funding came through, the donor

asked that it be put toward the children's room in the new library. It's possible that the state will get the rest of the money they were allotted for the year, so we are waiting to see if the state will get the rest of the budget that was appropriated by Congress. If not, we'll have to renegotiate Interlibrary Loan service. The product to use to do that is expensive, so we would need to renegotiate that contract if the state isn't covering us. We do have patrons that use it, so we will learn more. We are good for another year for the delivery service.

A patron complimented the library staff, which was encouraging.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on the design process. Bid day was last Thursday. We will interview 3 bidders Monday and provide recommendation to board at special board meeting May 20.
2. Community Relations Committee (KR, ABJ, LAR, MS): Thanks to Beth Miller Erman and Laura McAllister for volunteering at the Summer Reading Club event. Kathy Ryan is still selling things from the library. The IRS and eBay allows \$2,500 worth of sales. Things will go more slowly this year, but Kathy will sell some things through FB Marketplace.
3. Library Advocacy Committee: (EW, MS): Carla Hayden, the president of the Library of Congress, was fired. House Bill 903, the bill that would lower personal property tax, passed in the Senate, but not the House.
4. Strategic Planning Committee (BME, LM, JO, KB): We asked the board for feedback. K. Ryan provided feedback, Jeanette and Ed Wright provided feedback.
5. Rebranding Committee (KB, MS, SP, JS): Gina shared the logo preview from Arcturis. The decision was unanimous out of 4 options. The group liked the simplicity and that it would take well to color.
6. Treasurer's position update. Megan Moss will join the board as treasurer after Jeanette Oesterly's term is over.
7. Election of officers: The slate is Ed, president; Kathy as VP; Lori as secretary; Megan as treasurer. A motion to accept the slate for president, VP and secretary. Jeanette seconds. All vote aye. The board will vote on Megan as treasurer in June.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

We have about \$8 million. MOCAAT is the money that came in from the COPS, which is being invested. Investment account has \$2.9 million, checking account has \$433,503, which will not get us through the end of the year. Jeanette will move money from the investment account into the checking account to pay bills. K. Ryan asked if any of our funds were affected by the volatility of the stock market. Jeanette said it's all in treasury bonds. Next one comes due in June, and it will be rolled over. We need to make sure we are amending the budget as needed through the year, per the accountant. Jeanette will confirm with Collette from Navigate about expenses for the new building.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Stevens moved to adjourn. Sharon Harter seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brentwood Public Library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Miller Erman