

**Brentwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 12, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM

President Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Ed Wright (President), Kathy Ryan (Vice-President), Lori Ashmore-Ruppel (Secretary), Beth Miller Erman, Jeanette Oesterly, Kelsey Burkemper (via Zoom) and Cindy Bechtel. A quorum was present. Also present are Gina Gibbons, Library Director, and Brandon Wegge, Aldermanic Liaison.

The board is updating the roster. Board members will give any updated information to G. Gibbons or L. Ashmore-Ruppel. A group photo will be arranged for the website.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda was made by B. Miller Erman and seconded by K. Ryan to accept the agenda. All members voted aye, and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by J. Oestely and seconded by K. Ryan to approve the minutes of the June 2023 meeting as written. All members voted aye, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by C. Bechtel and seconded by B. Miller Erman to approve the minutes of the July special meeting. All members votes aye and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were submitted from visitors. Public comments will be accepted by email or in person (when possible) to the Library Director.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

The city swore in the new police dog Red Bull. He is a search and rescue dog and is looking to meet the community.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library director discussed events at the library, including the Foam Party at the Rec Center, the adult craft, and the firehouse visit. A total of approximately 778 people participated in the Children's Summer Club Activities.

The MLC has decided to make the switch to a new ILS (Integrated Library System). Missouri Evergreen is both an ILS and a consortium of Missouri libraries. They have 66 member libraries right now. This will open up our borrowing options from nine libraries to 66 libraries throughout the state. Their catalog is up to 1.3 million items. Hold items are now available where the DVDs were previously kept. The hold slip shows only the first four letters of the patron's last name to preserve some privacy. The state-subsidized internet provider is going from 50 mbps to 100 mbps on the library internet speed. The library is

looking to hire someone to work Saturdays and other shifts to allow full-time staff to have two days off in a row.

OLD BUSINESS

Community relations

Cheers to K. Ryan for organizing the board members to attend library events. The library will have a booth at Brentwood Days. Gina and some board members will staff the booth. For future events, it is important to walk through the crowd. The library could potentially create an item to hand that people can easily fit in a pocket or bag (perhaps a bookmark with upcoming events). The library will be at the firehouse open house in October. An event will be hosted to kick off the winter reading club, possibly at the pavilion or event lawn at Brentwood Park. The board will check with Brentwood Parks and Rec to find out about events scheduled for the winter.

Advocacy for Libraries

Three states have severed ties with the American Libraries Association - Montana, Missouri and Texas. Deborah Caldwell-Stone from the ALA, said in a webinar that you can use certain rules (must hold a library card, priority for library-sponsored events) to exclude certain groups (such as Kirk Cameron's Brave Books events) from using library meeting rooms. This created a reaction from Jay Ashcroft to break ties with ALA.

The library created proper forms and policies to be in compliance with the new Ashcroft Rule and submitted paperwork accordingly.

Facilities

This will be discussed in Executive Session.

Strategic Planning

There is no news at this time. A meeting will be scheduled for the subcommittee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Reports

The August Financial reports were submitted. The current assets are approximately \$2,100,000. The library has spent 52.49% of the proposed 2023 budget. The desk receipts are mostly passport postage costs. The Miscellaneous account is over budget and it will be reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter the executive session was moved by L. Ashmore-Ruppel and seconded by C. Bechtel at 7:11 p.m. Roll call all say aye.

A motion to leave the executive session was moved by J. Oesterly and seconded by B. Erman Miller at 7:28 p.m. Roll call all say aye.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10 in the Library meeting room. A motion to adjourn was moved by L. Ashmore-Ruppel and seconded by K. Ryan at 7:30 p.m. All members voted aye.