

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Smith at 7:02 PM.

Board members present: Deb Dukes, Ashley Mahony, Joan Ruppman, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Shelby Yocum, and Stacy Smith.

Also present: Lexie Walsh (Director), and Ali Dixon (Recording Secretary)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There was one visitor, Chris Nichols.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of Meetings
 - a. 01.23.25 Regular Board Meeting
2. Financial Statements
 - a. Check Register—February
 - b. Budget Worksheet—February
3. Treasurer's Report—January
4. Approve Changes to Non-Resident Card Policy
5. Approve Changes to Sick Time Policy
6. Approve Changes to Special Reserve Spending Policy

CHECK REGISTER

- Pam Tomka asked about a payment of \$262.73 to Wildlife Prairie Park from the Branch budget, commenting that it seemed like a strange amount. Lexie Walsh explained that it was the cost of a program put on by their education department, plus mileage, hence the odd total.
- Pam Tomka inquired about the differing amounts charged by insurance over the last few months. Lexie Walsh explained that it had changed from December to January due to the rate increase and had changed again from January to February because the way the company does billing resulted in spouses being added to the policy in February.
- Pam Tomka asked when the rental rate freeze for the Sunnyland Branch would end. Lexie Walsh responded that the current flat rate would end in July of this year.
- Karen Williams asked for clarification on a payment made to COPS under the Risk Management budget line. Lexie Walsh explained that COPS was the name of the company that handles the library's security system
- Karen William also asked what other expenses came from the Risk Management budget. Lexie Walsh responded with expenses such as fingerprinting and collections.

NON-RESIDENT CARD POLICY

- Joan Ruppman asked what this year's rate for non-resident cards would be. Lexie Walsh responded that cards would be \$128.48 per household.

Deb Dukes made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Joan Ruppman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ashley Mahony, Joan Ruppman, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Shelby Yocum, Deb Dukes, Stacy Smith

Nays: None

The motion passed.

APPROVE FY26 SALARY SCHEDULE

Lexie Walsh explained that the proposed salary schedule would raise the current minimums & maximums for each classification to match the cost-of-living adjustment.

Karen Williams made a motion to approve the FY26 salary schedule.

Shelby Yocum seconded the motion.

Ayes: Joan Ruppman, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Shelby Yocum, Deb Dukes, Ashley Mahony, Stacy Smith

Nays: None

The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Circulation Statistics—January

Donations—February

Lexie Walsh gave her director's report and reviewed the circulation statistics and donations.

- Lexie Walsh drew board members' attention to the increase in eBook and Hoopla usage, explaining that the increased circulation will mean increased costs as well. The board discussed options for limiting spending and/or usage. Joan Ruppman suggested asking FoWL if they would be willing to offset costs.
- Deb Dukes asked for a comparison of the number of new books purchased and the number of books weeded from the collections at both Main and Branch. Lexie Walsh said she would gather the information and send an email.
- Stacy Smith pointed out that Outreach numbers have gone way up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

WACC REPORT

Stacy Smith attended the WACC meeting. She reported that Five Points has rebounded well, with an increase in reservations and a steady stream of use of the fitness facility. She also informed the board that their capital campaign goal was 4 million.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Pam Tomka reported that she and Lexie Walsh had talked with Matt Moehle about the library's CDs. It was decided that they would be renewed for 6 months at a rate of 4.02%.
- Shelby Yocum asked why the library wasn't used as a warming station in the event of extreme cold. Lexie Walsh responded that she wasn't positive as it had never come up before. Her best guess was that because the fire station operates as a warming center, the library wasn't needed as one, as it is located across the parking lot.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT

Pam Tomka reported that the library had received a check from the Lions Club for \$750. Lexie Walsh added that it would be used to subsidize children's audio purchases.

ADJOURN

Pam Tomka made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM

Deb Dukes seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ali Dixon (Recording Secretary)

Shelby Yocum (Secretary)