Library Board of Trustees Meeting June 14, 2022

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met at the library on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Members present were Bob Leonard, Harv Sprafka, Laura Kendrick, Lindsey Carlson and Erin McBride. Jan Evans was present on Zoom (online).

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Carlson. Laura Kendrick was welcomed as a new trustee. Her term runs from June 6, 2022 to June 30, 2028. Sprafka moved, seconded by McBride to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022 as mailed. Motion passed.

Roslin gave the librarian's report for May 2022. Total circulation was 3,079 printed materials, 812 non-print items, 1,065 downloadable items and 1,425 website visits. 547 public computer usage, 95 AWE usage were recorded as well as 731 wireless counts. There were 1,928 visits in the month. The library participated in Helmets and Hotdogs at the end of the school year (app. 183 attendees) and had Story Time for the KinderPrep class. The Summer Library Program is going well with strong attendance at events. Roslin gave a brief account of programming for the month of June.

The library staff will have a booth set up at the Family Fun Fair at Auld Park. 10 musical instruments are on loan at the Middle School this school year. Law enforcement caught 3 juveniles trespassing on the roof of the building. They have been charged with trespassing and banned from the library until August 27.

Under Media Strategy Plan, Roslin reports that social media has been effective in reaching large audiences. Per policy, the staff have positive messages that promote library events.

Sprafka moved, Leonard seconded that the financial report for May be approved. Motion was unanimous. Sprafka moved, McBride seconded the city trust report for May be accepted. Motion was unanimous. Leonard moved, McBride seconded the approval for payment of bills for June. Motion passed unanimously, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Under Unfinished Business, the board discussed the long term plan for the Gebhardt house. Yesterday, the board had a work session with the city council where several options will be explored: 1. Relocation of the house 2. Demolition 3. Rehabilitation/park. City staff will look into costs associated with these options. A work session will be scheduled with Glenn Lyons and Marilyn Arber with the board at a later date.

Under New Business, the board discussed the current Chamber lease at the house. A sewer pipe had burst resulting in back-up in the basement. In light of the sewer break and potential health and safety hazards, Leonard moved, seconded by McBride to terminate the lease with the Chamber and apartment tenant within 30 days.

Leonard moved, seconded by McBride to accept Roslin's recommendation for staff wages for FY2023. Motion passed. The board went into closed session to discuss the director's performance evaluation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at the library.

Roslin Thompson Secretary