

MINUTES

The **Rogers Library Board of Trustees** met for a regular session 711 S. Dixieland Rd / Rogers AR Glotzbecker Conference Room on October 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by Brice Wagner.

ROLL CALL:

1. Roll Call

Board Present: Richard Bland, Stephen Hardin, Judy Tobler, Brice Wagner, Debbie Woehr, Cindy Holmer

Board Not Present: Caroline Smith

RPL Present: Joy Poynor, Randee Worster

RPL Not Present: Hannah Norris Milligan

City Not Present: Bailey Crossett

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Approve minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Stephen Hardin to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes.

Seconded by Judy Tobler.

Voice Vote:

Yes: Richard Bland, Stephen Hardin, Judy Tobler, Brice Wagner, Debbie Woehr, Cindy Holmer

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved.

FOUNDATION BOARD:

Reported by Debbie Woehr.

- Treasurer report: 1.9 million, increase of 40,000
- No new business.
- Busy promoting tickets for Top Chef: ad "Everyone wants to be a Chef"; over \$12k in sponsorships.
- Mayor will be attending Top Chef.
- Top Chef swag bags are "off the charts".
- Possible dessert boxes due to all of the expected food.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Reported by Joy Poynor.

- Edward Jones representative came to speak about their stocks and bonds.
- Considering joining RPL for the winter Farmer's Market once a month (as available and as weather permits).

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Reported by Joy Poynor.

- Brice Wagner is curious about total investment of Glotzbecker.
- Richard Bland stated he heard that the value of Glotzbecker is between one and two million.
- Brice Wagner had questions regarding printing and copying.
- Joy Poynor confirmed the need for printing and copying has seemed to increase over the last year, especially for medical records.
- Joy Poynor confirmed \$.15 for black and white, \$.25 for color copies.
- Brice Wagner asked where the money from the printing and copying charges go, Joy Poynor stated it is sent to the City for deposit.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Reported by Joy Poynor.

- September had a lot going on: library card sign-up month, Operation: Reboot, 33 Blessing Bags dropped off, pet food drop offs for fines, bee program.
- Gift Basket raffle for anyone who signed up with a library card; winners were very excited.
- Joy Poynor asked if there were specific questions, there were none.
- Joy Poynor acknowledge how wonderful our patrons are, and that our reference staff is dedicated to helping those patrons in any way.
- Brice Wagner acknowledged that the stories in the report are good examples of how we meet the needs of the public, even the unusual ones.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Reported by Joy Poynor.

- Staff Development Day in September: John Pesek came to speak.
- Handed out eclipse glasses: State Library gave RPL eclipse glasses for all of Benton County, deeming us as the pick-up location for other libraries.
- RPL received 10,000 eclipse glasses, some for October, most for April 2024.
- April 2024 will have eclipse programs where the glasses will be handed out.
- Hannah Norris Milligan had annual budget meeting with Mayor Hines on 9/19/2023.
- Randee Worster began working on 10/1/2023.
- 2 staff members went to ARLA conference 10/13-10/14.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Joy Poynor stated that a new Secretary must be voted on.
- Brice Wagner explained the need to vote in a new Secretary, due to Caroline Smith not returning for various reasons. The Board bylaws state that if three consecutive meetings are missed, a new Secretary must be voted in.
- Brice Wagner opened floor for Secretary nominations.
- Judy Tobler nominated Debbie Woehr.
- Stephen Hardin motioned for nomination to be ceased.
- Motion seconded by Richard Bland.
- Brice Wagner explained usual duties of Secretary: primarily signatures, and when the President is absent, Secretary leads the meeting.
- Brice Wagner asked Joy Poynor to look further into what the actual duties of the Secretary are.

- Stephen Hardin stated that if the Board was ever in a position to sign legal documents, the President and the Secretary are the appropriate officers to sign.
- Stephen Hardin stated that it is possible for the Board Trustees to be sued, but because it is a non-profit, money would not be collected unless the Board has insurance to pay out of.
- Richard Bland asked for clarification on what position is available right now, Brice Wagner confirmed it was just the Secretary position at this time.
- All those in favor of Debbie Woehr as Secretary, raise right hand: all raised.
- None opposed. Debbie Woehr nomination passed unanimously.
- Judy Tobler confirmed that Caroline Smith will not be coming back.
- Brice Wagner asked if a formal motion/vote to remove her from position is necessary, Hannah Norris Milligan will confirm with Mayor.
- Joy Poynor will confirm with Hannah Norris Milligan if it is necessary to inform Caroline Smith, or her husband, of her removal from office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joy Poynor presented a new Arkansas State Library Scholarship application for Susan Barnhart, and requested a signature from the Board.
- Judy Tobler asked Joy Poynor what she could tell them about Susan Barnhart: She is her most exuberant Reference Librarian; she greets everyone with a huge smile; will not quit until patrons are satisfied; will sit with patrons at the computer helping them with paperwork; she is very interested in programming (she actually made the "Achieve It" programming).
- Brice Wagner asked if Susan Barnhart is the only applicant, Joy Poynor confirmed that she is at this time.
- Joy Poynor stated that our current scholarship recipient, Keli Wright, won the ARLA state scholarship for the year.
- Joy Poynor stated the only thing the Board needs to do is to sign the application.
- Brice Wagner suggested that all those in favor of supporting Susan Barnhart raise their hand, there was unanimous support.
- Debbie Woehr signed application.

ADJOURN:

1. Vote to adjourn.
Motion by Judy Tobler, Seconded by Richard Bland
Action: Adjourn

Voice Vote:

Yes: Richard Bland, Stephen Hardin, Cindy Holmer, Judy Tobler, Brice Wagner, Debbie Woehr

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed to adjourn at 7pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Deborah Woehy
Secretary

Luce A. Wagner
Chairman