

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST 28,2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Witt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included: Doug Holdmeyer, Jamie Holtmeier, Katie Schonaerts, Sue Wehmueller, Carolyn Witt, and Joe Holtmeier. Also in attendance was Antjea Wolff of the Missourian.

Katie moved that the agenda be accepted. Motion seconded by Sue and the motion carried.

Doug moved that the minutes of the August Meeting be accepted. Motion seconded by Jamie and the motion carried.

### **September 2023 Director's Report**

- **Friends of the Library**
  - Raised almost \$3,900 at the September Book Sale. Thank You to the Friends volunteers for all their work. Thank You to the Borgia students for helping with setup. And Thank You to the Presbyterian Church for collecting the remaining books for their book sale.
- **Statistics and Collections**
  - August 2023 statistics are attached. Results are very similar to 2023.
- **Facilities**
  - I am opening conversation with Parks Department about the Children's Garden area.
    - Proposing adding large instruments for children to play with on their way in or out of the Library
    - Discussed several sources of funding – Development Fund, Friends of the Library, or Eagle Scout Project
    - Also discussed improvements to the bike rack
- **New Secretary of State Rules**
  - Library received new library cards to be in alignment with SRL and make sure patrons would have a seamless experience.
- **Budget/Staffing**
  - September 30 marks the end of the Fiscal Year.
  - Library budget is approved. Part time staff are eligible for a 3-5 % raise. Full time staff are eligible for an 8-10 % raise. Employee reviews are last week and this week.

- MLA is the first weekend in October (next week!). WPL is sending three staff to the event, including two newer staff, to gain library education experience.
- **Technology/Communications**
  - I'm meeting with NOC Technologies tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday Sept 26) to discuss replacing/upgrading public computers.
- **Programs**
  - We are adding a Homeschool Support Group on Friday afternoons. (Davne will be facilitating that group.)
  - Library is partnering with the MO Humanities and hosting a Fall Lecture Series. This is brought about through the relationships made at the 2022 Missouri Book Festival. The first 2 lectures are September 30 @ 10:00 am and 11:00 am.
  - September Programs Re-cap
    - Great Decisions finished its 8 week program. The 2024 Great Decisions was announced and the library will start its 2024 program in February.
    - Mini Scarecrow Creation Workshop for kids was a hit.
    - Fall Book Sale, Sept 15, 16 and 17 – was a hit.
    - Teen Thrift Store Ghost Paint, Sept 20, 4-5:30 p.m.
    - Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight, Sept 23, 1:00 p.m. was another interesting program by Mark Glenshaw.
    - Route 66: Greatest Hits with Roy Morman, Sept 19 @ 6:30 pm was very popular.
  - Upcoming Programs
    - Fall Lecture Series Starts September 30 and continue into October with 6 lectures in a week.
    - Run to Read is Saturday morning, October 14.
    - Scary Stuffed Animal Sleepover is Friday October 20.
    - Haunted House Scavenger Hunt is all-day Friday October 27.

Sue moved that the director's report be accepted. Seconded by Katie and the Motion carried.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Strategic Planning – Tabled until winter, with a full Board in place

#### **New Business**

- Preliminary Plans for the Centennial Events were discussed, more to follow

There being no further business, Jamie moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sue. The Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 23, 2023