

GARNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018

Present: Betts Abraham, Jennifer Sibley, Steve Markham, and Mike Hermann. Also present: Andrea Sobba, Library Director.

I. Secretary's Report- Minutes from the 12/4/17 meeting were approved (Abraham/Hermann).

II. Treasurer's Report- No bank statements for library accounts yet received due to recent holiday.

III. A quick review of figures for December 2017 as well as the 2017 library budget showed no need to encumber funds. Library expenditures for 2017 fell within budgeted amounts. Payment of bills was approved (Abraham/Sibley).

IV. Overall circulation was down for December, 2017. Internet usage is at an all-time high as well as public use of the Archer Room. Participation numbers for 2017 youth programs were boosted by those programs which included presentations at local schools.

V. A. Walker Art Committee minutes were not available, but Andrea related that Candy Hewes has accepted the curator position. The committee is also looking for ways to connect with area youth. Plans are being considered for a children's art display as well as a family night.

VI. A. Current FOL board members include Jim Johnson, Diane Hastert, Linda Kipper, Jenny Schooler, Dorothy Miller, David Theis, Bridget Brecheisen-Huss, Marcia Mader, and Helen Norman.

VII. A. Scott Rogers has received payment for the window washing with a few minor maintenance tasks remaining.

B. *Taste of the Holidays* was held in the Archer Room Wednesday, 12/13/17 from 11:30-1:30 PM. Attendance was down slightly but feedback was positive.

VIII. A. Upcoming staff events include a SEKLS Directors Meeting at the recently renovated Ft. Scott Public Library and Legislators Day where librarians can visit with representatives in Topeka.

B. The term of current Board member and President Steve Markham will expire in May. He has indicated that he is willing to serve an additional term so there is no need to search for a replacement.

C. Andrea is planning a mini-makeover for the courier area in the staff office. Monthly courier items have increased to as many as 800 (previously 400) and more efficient shelving is needed to accommodate the flow of interlibrary loan, SEKLS, and state-wide loans

D. Andrea will be making a decision this month regarding a switch to Vyye. Installation of a permanent Storywalk on the rail trail is now a short-term goal. Andrea will be working with another library that completed a similar project. Four youth tech programs for 5th-8th graders will be introduced by staff member Katy Holloran. A "Night at the Museum" program is being considered for area history buffs.

E. The next meeting will be held Monday, 2/05/18 at 5:30 PM.

IX. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jennifer Sibley, Secretary