

GARNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 5th, 2017

Present: Steve Markham, Betts Abraham, Jennifer Sibley, Linda Huettenmueller, Carrie Rulon, Sandra Moffett.  
Also present: Andrea Sobba, head librarian. Absent: Mike Hermann

I. Secretary's Report – Minutes from the 8/7/17 meeting were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report – The Gifts & Memorials account earned \$1.15 in interest during July and early September. After book vendor payments, the SEK/State Aid account had a balance of \$194.32 (pending inquiry re: 48-cent bank charge). Balances for both accounts reconciled with the most recent bank statements.

III. Payment of bills was approved (motion by Sibley, second by Rulon).

IV. Librarian Sobba presented her report. The Summer Reading Program end party was a success.

V. Minutes from the Walker Art Committee were not available to the Board members.

VI. A. The most recent FOL meeting did not have a quorum.

B. The library tote bag project continues.

C. The FOL annual meeting will be held in November, 2017.

VII. A. The \$4000 increase in building insurance costs has not yet been transferred to the library budget. Andrea will schedule an appointment with City Manager Chris Weiner to discuss the matter further.

B. Policy XIV, 1-8 *Public Relations*

Policy XV, *Exhibits and Displays*

Policy XVI, *Americans with Disabilities Compliance*

The above policies were reviewed; no changes were recommended.

C. The Reading Festival will be held October 21<sup>st</sup> at GES. Arrangements are being made for author Charlotte Hinger's visit. FOL member Charlotte Lutz will handle the Storytime segment. USD #365 tech. director Brett Linn will hopefully be on hand to ensure building technology is running smoothly.

D. The eclipse party was great! Over 50 people attended and enjoyed refreshments. Eclipse glasses were shared so all could view the event safely.

VIII. A. Upcoming GPL events include: 9/13/17 "Remember When Wednesday"; 9/20/17 "Colors & Caffeine"; 9/27/17 book discussion. Library staff is working to come up with some low cost activities to engage the afterschool youth who continue to patronize the library.

B. Painting of the children's section is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 10/27/17 while the library is closed for the reading festival at GES.

C. Window washing is still tabled pending resolution of the facilities insurance cost increase.

D. Katie & Andrea will travel to lola on 9/12/17 for an SEKLS meeting. Sharon & Andrea will attend a programming meeting on 9/27/17. Staff will travel to the Lawrence Public Library on 10/10/17 for training on evaluating internet news sources.

E. Kansas public libraries in Basehor and Derby have challenged other libraries to donate a week's worth of fines to the Red Cross in support of Hurricane Harvey victims. Discussion was held regarding GPL participation. The issue was tabled in hopes of reaching out to an actual library once recovery efforts progress.

F. The next meeting will be held Monday, 10/2/17 at 5:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jennifer Sibley, Secretary