

The Sedalia Public Library Board met in regular session on June 13, 2022. Billie Dunn, President, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: Norman Bell, Billie Dunn, Mitch Callis, Alice Clopton, Jackie Marshall, Byron Matson, Chris Paszkiewicz, Reva Woodward, Jamie Sparks, Director, and Stephanie Sneed, Recording Secretary

Absent: Linda Sundy

Motion: Alice Clopton moved that amended March Financial Summary, April Financial Summary, May Minutes and Statistical Report be approved as presented; seconded by Chris Paszkiewicz . All approved. The May Financial Report was not yet available from the City.

President's Remarks: Billie Dunn expressed gratitude to Norman Bell for his many years of serving on the Sedalia Public Library Board as his third term expires on June 30, 2022.

Jamie Sparks presented Norman a framed picture of the Carnegie Building as a gift of appreciation on behalf of the library staff and board.

Director's Report: Jamie distributed a spreadsheet illustrating the program attendance throughout the month of May. Adult programs were attended by 67 participants and Children's programs had 121 participants. Jamie presented a summary of the May Statistical Report noting the usage of the Tumble Books database has greatly improved.

Library Events for June: Visit on June 4th by Candace O'Connor, author of *Climbing the Ladder, Chasing the Dream: the History of Homer G. Phillips Hospital*. The library also hosted an event on June 6th with a guest speaker representing the NAACP Chapter in Sedalia giving a history of Juneteenth and sharing details of the upcoming Juneteenth celebration to be held at Hubbard Park. There will also be the regular monthly book clubs as well as the 'Craft Meet-Up' event. An additional author visit is being planned tentatively for June 24th. with Colter Jackson. Colter is a young author who grew up in the Sedalia area and is the author of newly released children's book, *The Rhino Suit*.

Summer Reading Program: The theme for this year's summer reading program is '*Oceans of Possibilities*' and the event will run from June 6 until the end of July. The library is offering Preschool Storytime, Teen Programs, Kids in the Kitchen, and special events each Wednesday for all ages. Our first Wednesday event was a visit from the "Snake Lady" with close to 130 people in attendance. Within the first three days, we had over 100 children signed up for summer reading.

Around the Building: Fortunately, with the heavy amounts of rainfall we had in the first part of June, only a minimal amount of water leaked into the basement in the non-fiction area under the stairwell and it was resolved quickly.

The LED light project is still ongoing. Medallion Electric is waiting on delivery of the lights, but tentatively plans to begin installation by mid-June.

The steel plate remains over the hole in the back alley. The city is waiting on the sewer department to assess and check the utilities.

Staff: The Children's Librarian position was posted on June 6 on social media, Indeed, *Sedalia Democrat*, as well as the library's and City of Sedalia's website. The job posting will close on June 30th.

Grant: Sedalia Public Library was awarded an Educational Outreach Grant for \$1322.90 from the Pettis County Community Partnership. With this money, we were able to purchase 10 different Penworthy STEM kits for all age groups. We now have kits that teach about magnets, shapes, building, coding, circuits, space and more. The children have enjoyed a couple of the kits at the end of storytime. We hope to have children try all of them over the summer.

Sedalia Democrat: The library is participating in a monthly column in the *Sedalia Democrat*. The first article was published June 9, 2022. This will be an opportunity for us to share happenings at the library such as book reviews, history, and upcoming events. We are excited to have an opportunity to connect with the community through this format.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: Public Comments Proposed Policy: Jamie presented a recommended policy on protocol when there is public attendance and interaction at the monthly open session Board Meetings.

Motion: Byron Matson moved that the Board adopt the Public Comments Policy as recommended; seconded by Jackie Marshall. All approved.

New Business: Slate of Officers FY22-23: Billie Dunn presented a nomination for Jackie Marshall to replace Norman Bell as Vice President of the Board.

Motion: Norman Bell moved that Jackie Marshall fill the Vice President vacancy; seconded by Alice Clopton. Motion passed by a majority of the members with one dissent.

The Board also unanimously agreed to retain Billie Dunn as President and Linda Sundy as Secretary-Treasurer for the FY22-23.

Motion: Chris Paszkiewicz moved to retain Billie Dunn as President and Linda Sundy as Secretary-Treasurer for FY22-23; seconded by Jackie Marshall. All approved.

Other Business: Byron Matson presented to Jamie a small vintage dish from former Mayor John Kehde. The dish is Wheelock China with a pictorial of the Carnegie Building.

Public Comments: none

Motion: Byron Matson moved the meeting be adjourned at 5:20 p.m., seconded by Chris Paszkiewicz. All Approved.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Sneed, Recording Secretary