

Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes – January 21, 2025

Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees met at the Scenic Regional Library Union Branch on January 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Board President Joy Dufrain presided at the meeting. Board members attending the meeting were John Barry, John Cheatham, Bob Niebruegge, Karen Holtmeyer, Linda Andrae, Sarah Rothermich, Laura Hengstenberg and Martha Lindsley. Board members Carla Robertson, Paula Sutton, Susan Richardson and Kathi Ham were absent.

Library Director Steven Campbell, Assistant Library Director Megan Maurer, Director of Business and Human Resources Kjersti Merseal, and Administrative Assistant Bree Hendrickson were also present.

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. They were approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Director Campbell stated that all three sections of the budget were below 50%. He stated that he would investigate why the Automation Support line was over budget.

Financial Report

Martha Lindsley made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Karen Holtmeyer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried 9-0.

Reports:

Director Campbell introduce the new Union Branch Manager, Denise Chappell, to the Board. Ms. Chappell started at Scenic Regional Library on December 2. She has a Master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Missouri. Ms. Chappell previously worked for St. Louis County Public Library as an Adult Service Coordinator and later as the Assistant Branch Manager.

New Union Branch Manager

The Library received a request for reconsideration form from a Union branch patron for two board books on January 8. “Prince & Knight,” by Daniel Haack, and “Bye Bye Binary,” by Eric Geron. The patron indicated on the form the she believed the books’ subject matter was not appropriate for the board book section. The committee met on January 13 to review the books. The committee voted unanimously (5-0) to keep “Bye Bye Binary” in the board book section. The committee voted 4-1 to remove “Prince & Knight” from the library’s collection. The decision was not made due to the subject matter, but because a majority of the committee believed that the book as not age-appropriate for the board book section due to its vocabulary and word count per page.

Book Challenges

There was no unfinished business.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

There is a vacancy on the Library Foundation's Board of Directors in Gasconade County due to JoEllen Steineker's resignation last year. Library Foundation Board member Shelby Uffmann recommended Dennis Hall. They both serve on the Owensville Branch Friends of the Library. Director Campbell recommended that the Library Board appoint Mr. Hall to the Library Foundation Board of Directors.

**Library Foundation
Board of Directors
Appointment**

Laura Hengstenberg made a motion to appoint Mr. Hall to the Library Foundation Board of Directors. Bob Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried 9-0.

Director Campbell brought to the Library Board's attention the age and mileage of the library vehicles. The car is a 2015 Toyota Camry and has 138,500 miles. The van is a 2015 Toyota Sienna and has 102,860 miles. Director Campbell stated that at some point in the future, the library will need to go out for bid to replace the vehicles. Director Campbell and the Board discussed many options on how to decide when to replace these vehicles. The Board decided they would like to wait to discuss this at next month's meeting after more information is being gathered.

**Vehicle
Replacement Plan**

There being no further business, Joy Dufrain adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Adjourn

Secretary

Approved: _____
President, Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date: _____