

WSPL Board Minutes

Location: Webb Shadle Public Library Board Room

Date: January 10, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees: Julie Cowden, Jennifer Latch, Eric Hoffman, Craig Stephens, Tammy Clark, JoEllen Glick

1. Call to order: 7:30 pm

2. Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$35,393.78 (1/6/23).

- Special budget proposal submitted by Cowden/Latch for library board approval designating line items for the extra \$7250 in funding from the Marion County Board of Supervisors for this fiscal year 22/23.
 - Line Item: TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: \$600 for computer screens
 - Line item: TRAINING: \$726.67 for director training
 - Line item: IMPROVEMENTS (new line item): \$5900

Motion to accept by Stephens. Second by Latch. Unanimously passed.

Items for consideration as IMPROVEMENTS:

- \$3000 panic bars for north entrance doors and conference room door window
- \$2500 for bottle filler
- \$2300 for replacing worn out furniture
- \$750 for teen section updates
- \$400 for new vacuum

3. Director's Report: Key takeaways

- JoEllen reported lots of positive feedback in response to the addition of Brenton Skating Plaza to the Adventure Pass.
- JoEllen applied for and was granted use of the Natural Library of Medicine exhibit: "Renaissance Science, Magic, & Medicine in Harry Potter's World." It will be on display January 17 - February 25 in the East Room.
- JoEllen has been attending the Leadership Red Rock Program, which provides interaction with area decision makers and discussions on key local issues. There are two topical events left: "Government" 1/19 and "Tourism & Education" 2/16.
- The Farm Bureau selected our library's East Room to conduct their annual meeting on 1/2/23. Twelve people attended including local legislators. They were very happy with their experience and would like to hold it at our library again next year.
- The Marion county libraries postponed their funding request presentation for the Marion County Board of Supervisors from 1/10 to 1/24 @ 9am. This was due to our board continuing to be in favor of asking for the same amount of money our library received last year (\$15K) instead of the old formula used in years prior. The old method started each library with a base line of \$5K and the rest of the county allotment for libraries was split according to percent of rural circulation generated by each library. This resulted in only \$7750 for our library in fiscal year 21/22.

The Marion County Board of Supervisors has asked the libraries to come up with a different model for allocating funds to each library, and last year they wanted to see what the smaller libraries could do