

Jefferson County Library Services Board Minutes May 31st, 2023

Board members present: Barbara Beaver, Art Biermeier, Greg Haasch, Anthony Gulig, and Tim Semo. **Board members absent:** Dr. Brian Henning, Richard Moulding.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order 5:01 by Tim Semo.

Approval of the minutes of Dec 7th, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes as presented Anthony Gulig. Seconded Barbara Beaver.

Comments: None at this time.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Administrator's Report: Eric Robinson gave a brief reminder that library's annual reports are due by July 11th so that it may be turned into the county before the presentation to the county board on Aug. 8. He briefly discussed that the evening of Aug. 8th will be when the 2022 annual report for the Jefferson County libraries would be submitted. Finally, he discussed the library budget meeting he and Karol Kennedy would be attending to discuss the finances with Benjamin Wehmeier and Marc DeVries.

Report from Library System Rep and Library System Director: Brief summary of the previous Bridges library board meeting.

Old Business:

Incorporate Hoopla usage numbers into the Jeff. Co. budget request for library services in the future? (Discussion): Eric Robinson and Karol Kennedy gave brief highlights on the potential that adding Hoopla's usage numbers into the existing financial formula for library reimbursement may have on libraries and the county's financial support. It was clear that adding these numbers would have a minimal impact on the financial support to libraries but it would be a means to highlight more of the costs that go into successfully providing materials to patrons in a timely fashion through streaming services that have seen a rise in their demand. Potentially in the 2025, Hoopla circulations may be added to the formula but not before conversations with the county administrator occur to discuss the reasons to potentially add these numbers to the formula.

New Business:

Selection of the County Resource Sharing Library for 2023 (Vote): A motion to have the Dwight Foster Public Library serve as the County Resource Library for 2023 was made by Tim Semo. Seconded Art Biermeier. This was a unanimous motion.

2022 Annual Report for Jeff. Co. due July 11th 2023: Eric Robinson briefly discussed the need for library directors to finish their annual summary of library services at their library by July 11th so that a single report may be compiled and

submitted to the county board. Eric will present the annual report on the evening of Aug. 8 to the entire county board.

Reports from County Libraries: The library directors present spent time discussion new or changing services at their community library, changes in financial support from their municipality, and additional collections being added to many libraries. Whitewater Public Library is starting their capital campaign for a library renovation/expansion.

Adjournment: President Tim Semo adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.