

Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Apr 15, 2025

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library. President Mark Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Trustees present: Mark Campbell, Helen Sosniecki, Mike Simpson, Sam Allen, Bob Scoby, Christine Hutson, and Michael Kinion

Trustees absent: Susan Sellers and Glenn Lawrence

With seven of nine Trustees present, a quorum was established.

Also present: Tina Chaney, Library Director; Erica Semsch, Assistant Library Director; Mark Spangler, Bruce Owen and Jack Silberberg

Agenda

Christine Hutson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of requesting a meeting with the new city administrator to New Business and finalizing the Route 66 Museum MOU to Old Business. Michael Kinion seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Minutes from March 18, 2025

Christine Hutson made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented to the Board. Helen Sosniecki seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Financials Report

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the March 2025 financials report. Bob Scoby seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Tina discussed House Bill 903 to the Board. The bill is now in the Senate waiting for approval. She said the money lost will affect the website, inter library loans, and Missouri Evergreen.

Mark Campbell recommended Tina connect with the State Librarian or the Missouri Library Association to find out how they would recommend handling this situation. He said he is meeting with Tina, Emily Huckaby and Melissa Schmidt.

Tina said the library received \$12,000 from the state.

President's Report

President Mark Campbell said he appreciated Board members' recommendations on what should be included on the agenda. He said the strategic plan will be addressed until action is taken to address every topic listed from the Board Retreat. Mark said he has heard favorable comments about the library recently and appreciates everyone who came out to greet Congressman Mark Alford on Monday.

Director's Report

Library Director, Tina Chaney emailed her report to the Board in advance.

Tina said the library had a good week celebrating National Library Week. She mentioned Glenn got a bid for the parking lot lights from an electrician. Tina said she called Willard Asphalt to get the library put on his calendar for parking lot corrections. She said she would send the parking lot plans Glenn sent her to the city to make sure we are up to code.

Tina said the window in the Periodicals Room leaked and asked Eric Haueter to look at that—he will also install the trim in that room. The shelving is in and will be constructed.

Tina said a Christian Motorcycle group called about wanting to meet on the library's parking lot on Thursday, April 17 to host a motorcycle show. Mark Campbell made a motion not to accept their offer due to lack of information. Christine Hutson seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Tina pointed out the library's numbers for April. She said email addresses for employees have been created but need an access code. Mark Campbell asked Tina to reach out to Ryan to ask for completion by May 1.

Tina mentioned the employee survey results. Christine Hutson asked Tina to check on the cost for a panic button in the Gift Shop. Tina said she was also looking into active shooter training and a fire extinguisher class.

New Business

HB903: Discussed in "Financials Report"

Missouri Evergreen cost, Ploud, MALA: Discussed in "Financials Report"

City Administrator Invite: Christine Hutson said the new City Administrator will stop by the Board meeting on Tuesday, May 20 at 5:15pm.

Old Business

Signs for Parking Lot: Tina said the signs are in, but she needs someone to hang them.

Lights on Parking Lot: Tina said she wanted to get a bid in addition to the one Glenn sent.

Strategic Plan: Tina said the TV monitor is being discussed and Friends, Foundation and Trustees Board meeting minutes are being sent out every month to help with communication. Mark Campbell reminded everyone to check the strategic plan for topics--that narrowly missed the top three—to discuss.

Bob Scoby said he, Helen and Sam need to decide whether they will be on the Board when their terms are up in June. He said Tina is expected to write a letter of recommendation for each of them if they decide to remain on the Board.

Route 66 Society MOU: Tina said the task force met and created a document, after discussion. Tina provided the original MOU, written by 66 Society member Gary Sosniecki, along with a revised version written by Glenn Lawrence and an additional revised version Tina wrote to include more detail. Helen Sosniecki made a motion to approve Glenn's modified MOU. Christine Hutson seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Helen Sosniecki said the Friends' \$2 Bag Sale is Saturday. Bob Scoby said the Friends hope to have the back room cleared out by May 1 and will take volunteers.

The Board went on a tour of the Outreach Services library and Library Book Chariot.

Public Comments

Erica Semsch said she is hoping for Tuesday, May 13 for the historical displays' memorial dedication.

Jack Silberberg with the Laclede County Record asked how HB903 would affect the Lebanon-Laclede County Library. Tina said she was unsure what the bill's impact would be on the library.

Jack asked what Ploud and MALA are and how much they cost. Tina responded by saying Ploud is the library's website provider and the inter library loans are transported thanks to MALA services. She is unsure how much the website would cost if the state stopped funding it.

Mark Campbell asked Tina to keep the Board updated on HB903 and other related library issues by sending an email every week.

Adjournment

Bob Scoby made a motion to adjourn at 6:49pm. Sam Allen seconded. Motion passed 7-0.