

**KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
February 18, 2026
Meeting Room, Kirkwood Public Library, 140 E Jefferson**

Board Attendance: Eads, McKee, Missey, Pitt Kaplan, Smith, Taylor Wolshock
Board Absent: Harms, Ward
Staff Attendance: Christa Van Herreweghe, Lisa Henry, Karen Young
Guests: None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Smith at 5:02 pm.

Business from the audience: None

Minutes: Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, Eads seconded and the vote to approve was passed by the trustees in attendance, McKee abstained.

Staff Endowment Grant Request: Young presented on an RFID Tag Upgrade, which would replace the current barcode and RFID tag system with one combination barcode/tag. The total cost would be \$6,578.50. Van Herreweghe requested \$4,000 for upcoming conference attendance by her (PLA) and Young (Evergreen).

Librarian's Report – Van Herreweghe reported:

Feds: IMLS has full funding for FY 26 and Missouri will be receiving \$3.3 million, about a \$7,000 increase.

State: Van Herreweghe attended Legislative Day and met with state senator Tracy McCreery and state rep Mark Boyko's aide. She also met with the state librarian.

MLC/MEC: The Missouri Evergreen Consortium is working on a "de-dup" project that will decrease items in records that don't match up from when the Library migrated into the system. Young and MLC system administrator Heather Arnold have been doing the majority of the work.

KPL: Rachel Johannigmeier worked on the Newbery Committee this year, helping to choose the award-winning books, and attended the ALA conference in Chicago.

City of Kirkwood: Van Herreweghe met with the Mayor and Bill Ruppert to discuss arbor day celebration in April.

Meetings – Van Herreweghe attended a nonprofit organization meeting at Enterprise Bank and met with the rep from Overdrive to discuss Sora. Discussion followed about Sora and restrictions. A planned meeting with the superintendent was canceled.

Incidents: None

Trustees' Reports – Eads came to drivers program, Read Attack was fun.

President's Report – Smith reported Harms has resigned.

Committee Reports –

Finance: Eads reported the Library has received 67% of expected income through January and spent 56% of the operations budget. Staff have begun working on the budget and will have the personnel budget to the personnel committee in the next few weeks. After that committee has passed the personnel portion the Finance Committee will review the entire budget. Wolshock made a motion to approve the finance committee minutes, Taylor seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous by the committee members in attendance. Henry reported the Library has received 71% of the budgeted property tax revenue. The shop made over \$2600 in January, passports peaked at \$8,260 and the Library made over \$3,000 in interest. December and January saw high expenses in adult books, as Ingram has taken over for Baker and Taylor and are just now starting to send backlog items. They are getting close to having titles shipped out close to their publication dates now.

Building and Grounds: Henry reported the carpet project is well underway – the shop is finished and back open and carpet has been laid in almost the entire fiction section. Shelving will get moved back the end of the week, books will be put back on next week and the floor will be back open. Then the project moves upstairs. Bill Riggs has been talking to the city about the flag pole and we need to plan on another thousand dollars in permits.

Personnel: McKee reported that Henry will send out the evaluations and then they should be sent to McKee and he will compile and have a meeting. McKee is asking for them to be returned by the 7th. The evaluation will be the same this year and then are looking for changes for next year.

Development: Missey reported the Library has received \$28,595 towards the annual appeal so far this fiscal year (70% of goal) as well as over \$38,000 in unrestricted donations. We are up to 41 new pavers that will be installed in the spring. The endowment fund is at another all-time high of \$2,284,146.00.

Board Operations: No report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business –

Approve Grant Request – Smith made a motion to approve the staff endowment grant request of \$6,578.50 for the RFID project, McKee seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous by the trustees in attendance. Eads made a motion to approve the staff

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endowment grant request of \$4000 for conferences, Taylor seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous by the trustees in attendance.

A motion was made by Eads and seconded by Wolshock to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:25 pm, which passed by unanimous vote of the Trustees in attendance.

The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25th at **5:00** pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Henry, Director of Operations.