

KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
April 15, 2026
Meeting Room, Kirkwood Public Library, 140 E Jefferson

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

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Smith at 5:00 pm. Introduced Missy Sandbothe Sylvia as newest trustee.

Business from the audience: None

Minutes: Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, Wolshock seconded and the vote to approve was passed by the trustees in attendance.

Librarian's Report – Van Herreweghe reported:

Feds: On April 6 a federal court granted the Trump administration's request to withdraw its appeal of a federal judge's earlier ruling that struck down the administration's dismantling of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

State: Waiting for the next legislative meeting to get an update on which bills seem to be moving through the system and what they mean for libraries.

MLC/MEC: The deduping project is running on the server right now that will put "like" records together.

KPL: May 6th is One Author One Kirkwood and trustees will be invited to the VIP reception before it.

City of Kirkwood: Van Herreweghe attended the meet and greet of the four CAO candidates, and received many positive comments about the library while there.

Grants: The Library received a \$5,600 grant award for Spotlight on Literacy for cooking and nutrition related events and materials, for the YS department.

Meetings – Van Herreweghe met with the regional library group, attended the Public Library Association conference (thank you for the staff endowment grant for that) and interviewed two students for the Rotary scholarship who could not attend the in-person interviews.

Incidents: None

Trustees' Reports –

President's Report – Smith reported she and McKee met with Van Herreweghe for her review and it went well.

Committee Reports –

Finance: Eads reported the Library has received 91% of the revenue budget and spent 70% of the expense budget with three months left. The committee had just met and reviewed the full budget.

Building and Grounds: Taylor reported the exterminator came last month for the spring spray. Half of the elevator repair work that needs to be done was completed last Friday and they will be back later this month to finish, but the elevator is working fine. Building inspections will be next week. The building has been adjusting well to the crazy changes in temperature, so the newish HVAC system is still doing its job. Committee will do a walk-through next month.

Personnel: None

Development: Missey reported the Library has received \$32,697 towards the annual appeal so far this fiscal year as well as over \$38,000 in unrestricted donations. The engraver will be doing 70 pavers in May. The endowment fund is currently at \$2,212,883.

Board Operations:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business –

Lodge FY 27 Budget- Van Herreweghe and Henry pointed out a few differences to the budget, including the new line for Reimbursements from Libraries, which is growing to include both the payroll costs for the system administrator from the MLC and half of the payroll costs of Karen Young from University City Library.

Lodge Slate of Officers: Eads presented the slate of officers:

Pitt Kaplan - President
Wolshock - Vice President
Eads - Treasurer
Missey - Secretary

Lodge Policy Update: Van Herreweghe reviewed the ILS update.

The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20 at **5:00** pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Henry, Director of Operations.