

**Minutes of the Jackson-Madison County Library
Board of Trustees, Regular Monthly Meeting
April 26, 2023**

Present:

Phillip Mullins	Chair		
Susan Francisco	Vice Chair	Cyndi Bryant	Madison County Liaison
Olivia Abernathy	Board Member	Dinah Harris	Library Director
Sue Vegors	Board Member	Genny Carter	Hatchie River Regional
Beth Ann Simpson	Board Member	Wanda Scanlon	Friends of the Library

Call or Order/Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

Foundation:

Foundation Chair Denise Allen has set a very ambitious fundraising goal for the Books of Madison County.

Friends (FOTL):

In May, the first Thursday program will feature Tammy Buchanan and Jack Baudo talking about the history of Liberty Garden. Hub City Theater Company will also be a short presentation of their current production, A Mid-Summer's Night Dream. Scanlon also reported that the FOTL and The Library Foundation provided box lunches for the library staff for National Library Worker's Day on Tuesday, April 25.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting were approved with a motion by S. Francisco and seconded by S. Vegors. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer:

The March Financial Reports were presented. The financial reports are filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

P. Mullins asked the Board to increase the budget for 2023-2024 by \$13,614. This would make the total budget \$1,531,660. This was caused by the addition of the security guard position back into the budget. Mullins also reported that Madison County Capital Committee approved the reallocation of capital for 2022-2023 from the previously requested items to the following: 2 new book drops (one for the Mall location and one for Bemis location); replacement of first set of security cameras and addition of a few more; and repair of crack at southeast corner of the library.

Policy and Planning:

Policy and Planning committee met and reviewed the policy and procedures manual along with the bylaws. Changes will be finalized and presented to full Board at next meeting.

Building & Grounds:

- P. Mullins reported that Attorney Lewis Cobb is writing a letter to King Buffet regarding the recent water issue at the North Branch Library.
- MSB quoted \$5500 to repair the crack at the southeast corner of the library. Quote has been accepted.
- Mullins secured a quote in the amount of \$16,000 to sand and repaint the fence around Rotary Park. S. Vegors agreed to work on securing more bids.
- The water fountain in the park is awaiting repairs by the City of Jackson.

Director's Report:

The Director's Report is attached to these minutes. Several grants have been secured/and or applied for. The library's new podcast, "Facts from the Stacks," was released today.

Regional Director's Report:

A copy of the report is attached. Regional Director Carter shared information with the Board about the State "Safe at Home" program. Carter presented a list of state and federal grants received by the Library since 2010. The total was \$126,556.

Unfinished Business:

Chair Mullins went over a list of items the Library Board need to address to meet the Minimum Standards for Public Libraries in the Regional Library System in Tennessee.

- Director Harris will secure a copy of the "Library Director Review Form" from Amy Dietrich. This is the one that has been used for all reviews to date.
- Harris will send board a copy of the Library's Technology Plan to review.
- Mullins reminded Board that all need to complete the Trustee Certification Program.

New Business:

Library Board members Susan Francisco and Beth Ann Simpson both are up for renewal of their appointments to the Library Board. S. Vegors made motion to submit their names to City and County for renewal. Seconded by O. Abernathy. Motion carried.


Five "Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Material" forms were reviewed by the Library Board. The books and action taken are as follows:

- Title: It's Perfectly Normal
 - Author: Robbie Harris
 - Action: Re-house item in the Adult Non-Fiction Section
 - Motion: O. Abernathy, Second: B. Simpson

- Motion passed.
- Title: The Bluest Eye
 - Author: Tony Morrison
 - Action: Keep item as is
 - Motion: O. Abernathy, Second S. Francisco
 - Motion passed.
- Title: The Poet X
 - Author: Elizabeth Acevedo
 - Action: Keep as is
 - Motion: O. Abernathy, Second by S. Francisco
 - Motion passed.
- Title: Thirteen Reasons Why
 - Author: Jay Asher
 - Action: Keep as is
 - Motion: O. Abernathy, Second by S. Francisco
 - Motion passed.
- Title: The Perks of Being a Wallflower
 - Author: Stephen Chbosky
 - Action: Keep as is
 - Motion: O. Abernathy, Second by B. Simpson
 - Motion passed.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned with a motion by S. Vegors. Seconded by S. Francisco.

Next Regular Board Meeting
May 24, 2023


Phillip Mullins Library Board Chairman