

**Minutes of the Jackson-Madison County Library
Board of Trustees, Regular Monthly Meeting
March 22, 2023**

Present:

Phillip Mullins	Chair	Greg Parsons	Treasurer
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: Books of Madison County 2023 will be held on August 15 at the Fairgrounds. Speaker will be Sean Dietrich. Foundation is working on sponsors.

Friends (FOTL): Susan Crocker presented a very well attended travel program for the Noon Program in March. In April, Poet Louie Skipper will be speaking. This is a collaborative with the Griot Collective.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 22, 2023, meeting were approved with a motion by S. Francisco and seconded by G. Parsons. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer: The January Financial Reports were presented. The financial reports are filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: G. Parsons presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024. This was a committee recommendation for Board approval. Motion carried. Revised capital for 2023-2025 was presented. This was a committee recommendation for Board approval. Motion carried. G. Parsons negotiated with Commercial Bank and Trust on the interest rates on the Tennessee Room's two CDs. Regular CD was raised from 1.1% to 3.79%. Endowment Fund was raised from 1% to 2.5%. Parsons also noted that we need to update signage on accounts as it still has former Board Chair Greg Jordan listed.

Policy and Planning: Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds:

- P. Mullins reported to the Board about a recent issue at the North Branch Library. Water had seeped through the wall that joins the Library and King Buffet. The North Branch had to close one day and offer only curbside for eight days while waiting on issue to be corrected. The issue was not fully corrected; however we were able to reopen.

- The Southeast corner of the Library has a crack in the stone. This is causing water leakage in the Tennessee Room archival area.
- The parking lot is in dire need of sealing and re-stripe. Some repair work will be required.
- The steel fence around Rotary Park is rusty in some areas.
- Some of the decorative tiles above the arches over the main entrances are falling off.

Director's Report: The Director's Report is attached to these minutes. Special plans are under way for National Library Week in April. A grant from NEA ARP was secured to purchase two billboards during the month of April.

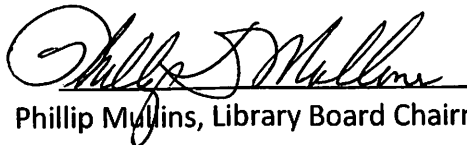
Regional Director's Report: A copy of the report is attached.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A "Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Material Form" was received from Peg Ramsay in regards to the book *It's Perfectly Normal* by Robbie Harris and Michael Emberly. The Library also received an email from Londa Rohlfing regarding the same book questioning whether it was in violation of the TCA. After discussion, the Library Board agreed to seek legal counsel on the question.

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

Next Regular Board Meeting
April 26, 2023


Phillip Mullins, Library Board Chairman