

**Minutes of the Jackson-Madison County Library  
Board of Trustees, Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 24, 2023**

**Present:**

Susan Francisco	Vice Chair	Dinah Harris	Library Director
Sue Vegors	Board Member	Julie Dahlhauser	Hatchie River Regional
Beth Ann Simpson	Board Member	Wanda Scanlon	Friends of the Library
Greg Parsons	Treasurer		
Phillip Mullins	Chair (Via Zoom)		
Kortney Simmons	Board Member (Via Zoom)		

**Call or Order/Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Vice Chair Susan Francisco.

**Foundation:**

Foundation Member Susan Francisco reminded Board of August 15, Books of Madison County.

**Friends (FOTL):**

Friends Chair Wanda Scanlon stated the Friends of the Library are very happy to be supporting the Summer Reading Program. The program this year is specifically focused on helping prevent academic slide.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the April 26, 2023, meeting were approved with a motion by G. Parsons and seconded by S. Vegors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer:**

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:**

No report.

**Policy and Planning:**

Policy and Planning Committee reviewed the Technology Plan and Long Range Plan. Committee recommended no changes to either plan at this time.

Policy and Planning Committee made a board recommendation to add the following statement to the Library's Disaster Plan: "During times of disaster in a community, librarians often become informal first responders. Disaster response can include everyday situations such as Wi-Fi access or day shelter for community members, as well as making their buildings and resources available to first responders, relief workers, reporters, and essential personnel. The JMCL will

assist in times of disaster if library is not damaged and personnel are able to get to the library.”  
Motion passed.

After review of the Library’s Policy Manual, the Policy and Planning Committee made a board recommendation to amend several policies. Copies of original wording and changes are attached. Motion passed.

**Building & Grounds:**

Several items need addressing: Rotary Park fence needs repainting; the parking lot needs sealing and restriping; several shrubs need replacing; and, the grounds need to be mulched. The Building and Grounds Committee will meet to discuss these issues.

A repair was made to the large crack in the southeast corner of the library. It appears to have worked.

The City of Jackson has begun work on repairing the fountain in Rotary Park.

**Director’s Report:**

The Director’s Report is attached to these minutes.

**Regional Director’s Report:**

A copy of the report is attached.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Two “Citizen’s Request for Reconsideration of Library Material” forms were reviewed by the Library Board. The books and action taken are as follows:

- Title: Being You
  - Author: Megan Madison
  - Action: Re-house item in the Adult Non-Fiction Section
  - Motion: S. Vegors, Second: S. Francisco
  - Motion passed.
- Title: Looking for Alaska
  - Author: John Green
  - Action: Keep item as is
  - Motion: K. Simmons, Second S. Vegors
  - Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned.

Next Regular Board Meeting  
June 21, 2023

  
Phillip Mullins, Library Board Chairman