

Monday, May 24, 2021: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Ken Barthelette, Paula Bishop, Janis Hagen, and Matthew Suarez.

Trustee(s) Absent: Loretta Hermann.

Also present: DeeDee Brashers; Renee Brumett; Bryan Cox from CCLF; Whit Gillenwaters; Jordan Gloyd; Geri Godber (until 6:17 p.m.); Sarah Hayter; Nicholas Holladay; Brandon Jason (until 6:51 p.m. and then from 7:11 p.m. till close); Joe Morgan; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Valerie Swearingen (until 7:24 p.m.); Mary Thompson; Scott Villarreal; and Don Watson; and Devon Gengler and Pam Haldiman from SAPP Design Architects (until 6:58 p.m.).

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session at 6:00 p.m on Monday, May 24, 2021 via Zoom. The open portions of the meeting were open to the public through a publicly posted web link. President Ken Barthelette presided.

Any reports, exhibits, or supporting materials presented during the open portions of this meeting and referred to in these minutes may be obtained [upon request](#).

Start Time: 6:11 p.m.

Transition to Open Session

Janis Hagen then moved to open the public session. Matthew Suarez seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Minutes of the Monday, April 26, 2021 Meeting - Closed & Open Sessions

Matthew Suarez moved that the minutes of the Monday, April 26, 2021 Closed & Open Session meetings be approved. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Public Comments:

Former Executive Director Geri Godber joined the first few minutes of the call to thank President Barthelette for his many years of service to the Library.

Bills

Janis Hagen moved to approve the adjusted bills from April 2021. Matthew Suarez seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Suarez: Aye.

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Report of the Interim Executive Director & the Executive Director

Janis Hagen moved to approve Interim Executive Director Robert's & Executive Director Brumett's Director Reports. Matthew Suarez seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Construction Update

Director of Communications and Community Engagement Holladay and SAPP Design Architect representatives presented the most recent construction updates and the plan for closing out the projects.

Development Minute

Director of Development & Strategic Partnerships Pegram presented the May Development Report.

Old Business

Discussion with Prospective Trustee Candidates & Possible Recommendation of New Trustee
Library staff spoke with three potential candidates for the open position in advance of this meeting. One decided not to apply due to time restraints and possible conflict of interest. A second would still like to be considered, but had a death in the family late last week and is unavailable this evening. Trustees met with the remaining candidate, Valerie Swearingen, and discussed her interest in the position and her qualifications.

A decision about who to recommend to the Christian County Commission to fill the West County Area seat on Christian County Library's Board of Trustees will be tabled until the June meeting after all interested and qualified candidates have a chance to be considered.

New Business

Potential Taxable Refunding of the Series 2018 Bond Discussion

Michael Short emailed an initial estimate of how a taxable refunding of the Series 2018 Bond could be potentially financially advantageous to the Library. Executive Director Brumett will gather more details about the logistical and financial pros and cons of such a plan to present at an upcoming regular session of the Trustees.

Trustee Term Renewal - Janis Hagen - June 30, 2021 until June 30, 2025

Paula Bishop moved to recommend the renewal of Janis Hagen's term as Library Trustee for the eastern part of the county to the Christian County Commission through June 30, 2025. Matthew Suarez seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Barthelette: Aye; Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Suarez: Aye.

2021 Annual Report from Christian County Library Foundation

Foundation President Bryan Cox updated Trustees on what is going on with the Foundation this year. Now that their 501(c)(3) status and organizational standing has been reinstated, they are moving full steam ahead to recruit new Directors who can help them build their own website and begin more actively planning ways to raise funds for the newly expanded Library system.

Other New Business

President Barthelette opened farewell cards and gifts from staff and fellow Trustees. He will be missed!

Adjournment

Matthew Suarez moved to adjourn. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Suarez: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.