

Monday, July 26, 2021: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Paula Bishop, Kristal Hicks, Loretta Hermann, and Matthew Suarez.

Trustee(s) Absent: Janis Hagen.

Also present: Renee Brumett; Whit Gillenwaters; Jordan Gloyd; Sarah Hayter; Nicholas Holladay; Sheila Michaels; Joe Morgan; Tory Pegram; Mary Thompson; Allyson Tuckness; Scott Villarreal; Don Watson, and Ken Barthelette (from 6:44 p.m. onward).

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session at 6:00 p.m on Monday, July 26, 2021 via Zoom. The open portions of the meeting were open to the public through a publicly posted web link.

Vice President Loretta Hermann presided and voted for Officer appointments.

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: 6:02 p.m.

Minutes of the Monday, June 21, 2021 Meeting - Closed Session

Matthew Suarez moved that the minutes of the Monday, June 21, 2021 Closed Session meeting be approved. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hicks: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Minutes of the Monday, June 21, 2021 Meeting - Open Session

Matthew Suarez moved that the minutes of the Monday, June 21, 2021 Open Session meeting be approved. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hicks: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Minutes of the Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - Special Meeting - Open Session

Matthew Suarez moved that the minutes of the Wednesday, July 7, 2021 Special Meeting Open Session meeting be approved. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hicks: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Public Comments

None.

Bills

Director of Finance and Business Operations Thompson and Executive Director Brumett presented financial reports, including CCL's completed 2020 Independent Audit, and answered questions.

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

Matthew Suarez moved to approve the estimated bills for July 2021. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hicks: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Report of the Executive Director

Matthew Suarez moved to approve Executive Director Brumett's Director's Report. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hicks: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Development Minute

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

Old Business

Bylaw Revisions (Second Reading for a Vote)

Executive Director Brumett presented another possible revised version of the Bylaw revisions approved at June's regular meeting that incorporated new suggestions from the Library's attorney. As none of the changes were substantive, or would affect the legality or efficacy of the first draft, the Board was able to discuss which wording they preferred.

Matthew Suarez then moved to approve the version that incorporates the Attorney's suggestions and bring that second version to a formal and final vote at the August regular meeting. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hicks: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Election of Board of Trustees Officer Positions for Remainder of 2021

President

Since one Trustee has resigned and one seated Trustee was absent, the group decided not to assign an Officer role to a member not yet chosen, or one who was not present. Therefore, it was decided that the office of President will remain vacant until the December elections.

Vice-President

Paula Bishop moved that Matthew Suarez be appointed the Vice-President of the Christian County Library Board of Trustees until the December elections. Kristal Hicks seconded. Trustee Suarez abstained. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; and Trustee Hicks: Aye.

Treasurer

Matthew Suarez moved that Paula Bishop be appointed Treasurer of the Christian County Library Board of Trustees until the December elections. Kristal Hicks seconded. Trustee Bishop abstained. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Hicks: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Secretary

Since one Trustee has resigned and one seated Trustee was absent, the group decided not to assign an Officer role to a member not yet chosen or one who was not present. Therefore, it was decided that Janis Hagen will continue in the role of Secretary until the December elections.

Member-At-Large

Matthew Suarez moved that Kristal Hicks be appointed Member-At-Large of the Christian County Library Board of Trustees until the December elections. Paula Bishop seconded. Trustee Hicks abstained. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Real Estate Update

The Fremont property was sold for \$346,305 in unrestricted funds. That total includes the 1% donation from the Library's real estate agent Scott Perryman who agreed to only take 2% instead of the standard 3% fee and donate that extra 1% to the Library if chosen to represent them in the sale.

New Business

Discussion with Prospective Trustee Candidates & Possible Recommendation of New Trustee
Library staff spoke with both potential candidates for the open position in advance of this meeting to discuss their interest in the position and qualifications. During the meeting, Trustees heard from both candidates, asked questions, and then discussed whose collective strengths and expertise seemed to be best suited to fit their current needs.

Matthew Suarez then moved to recommend Allyson Tuckness to the Christian County Commission to fill the Nixa Area seat on Christian County Library's Board of Trustees vacated by Loretta Hermann through the remainder of her appointment (until June 30, 2022). Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Hicks: Aye; and Trustee Suarez: Aye.

Trustee Hermann thanked both candidates for their time and willingness to volunteer.

Executive Director Brumett then thanked Trustee Hermann for the countless hours of service she has poured into Christian County Library over these many years--she will be missed!

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.