

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14TH, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Jerome Public Library met in the library meeting room and via Zoom for their monthly meeting on July 14, 2020. In attendance were Chair Linda Burton, Sarah Sandridge, Deyanira Escalona Trochez, Chase Rogers and Director Linda Mecham.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Burton at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of minutes – Linda Burton made a motion to approve the June 9, 2020 minutes and as written. Chase Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report –We are three quarters of the way through the fiscal year, and we have received \$262,339.96 in revenue, which is 57.5 percent of what we anticipate. We are within a comfortable range of expenditures for this time of year. We have spent 67.5% of the amount budgeted.

June 2020 bills were presented. Linda Burton made a motion to approve the June 2020 bills. Sarah Sandridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report:

- The circulation statistics were presented. Circulation is still not where we were last year. We are 2,000 circs less than last year, but we doubled last month's circs. Although we do not yet see expected circulation, we are doing better than Burley or DeMary. We made a huge effort to let our patrons know that we are once again open. We sent an email to all active patrons who provided an email address. We sent another 200 postcards to active patrons without email addresses. We purchased a flag for the corner. Deyanira reported that Ben Reed has been announcing the library's reopening every day. We haven't seen all of our families return which shows in the low juvenile and easy circulation. The biggest change is in DVD circulation. We will watch this trend. It may be time to look into streaming videos. However, streaming for a library is very costly.
- We are in the process of writing a grant to Mobile Beacon which would provide 25 laptops, 25 hotspots and the subscription. This is only available to rural libraries. We qualify for all the demographics. We also have information from the Jerome School District as well as the Valley School District since we have been serving both schools. If we don't get the grant, we are still budgeted to add 10 more hotspots. If we get the grant, then we'll not add the budgeted hotspots.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm