

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Jerome Public Library met in the library meeting room for their monthly meeting on June 13, 2023. In attendance were Board Chair Trevor Churchman, Board Vice Chair Sarah Sandridge, Deyanira Escalona Trochez, and Director Linda Mecham.

The meeting was called to order by Trevor Churchman at 5:35 p.m.

Agenda review – No changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes – Sarah Sandridge made a motion to approve the May 9, 2023 minutes. Deyanira Escalona Trochez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – The financial report was presented. At the end of May, 67% of the fiscal year had lapsed. The expenditures average 63%. We have received 55.4% of our anticipated revenue.

May 2023 bills were presented. Trevor Churchman made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Sarah Sandridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report:

- Circulation and library usage increased markedly over the previous year by more than 800 circs. Despite having only 5 student computers and 3 teen computers and having reduced the adult computers to 5, we still maintained the usual computer usage. We have seen a substantial increase in Mango Languages usage.
- All of our summer reading programs have been well attended so far. We are off to a good start.

Unfinished Business

- No Unfinished Business

New Business

- The Director reported that she addressed financial issues regarding staff retention as directed by the board. Further, it was the plan to budget \$10,000/year for 5 years to be able to replace the carpet and counter tops at the end of that time. The City Administrator would like to see us do complete this project this fiscal year using our reserve funds. This has been added to our budget request.
- We have had a staff request to make further clarification of the use of a student card. Although it is implied that the card will be used by the student, there is no actual restriction of parental use. The director will make the suggested changes regarding student cards, and allowing service dogs in the library. Director will bring the changes back to the board after checking with the staff.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.