

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Jerome Public Library met in the library meeting room for their monthly meeting on July 11, 2023. In attendance were Board Chair Trevor Churchman, Board Vice Chair Sarah Sandridge, Deyanira Escalona Trochez, Christin Deal and Director Linda Mecham.

The meeting was called to order by Trevor Churchman at 5:42 p.m.

Agenda review – Add agenda item under New Business – New Board Member

Approval of minutes – Deyanira Escalona Trochez made a motion to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes. Trevor Churchman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – The financial report was presented. At the end of June, 75% of the fiscal year had lapsed. The expenditures average 69%. We have received 57.4% of our anticipated revenue. We should received the second allotment of property taxes soon to carry us the remainder of the calendar year.

June 2023 bills were presented. Sarah Sandridge made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Deyanira Escalona Trochez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report:

- Circulation for June was high compared to May due primarily to the Summer Reading Program as expected. The good news is that it is even higher than last year at this time.
- All of our summer reading programs were well attended so far. We had great participation in the Spanish Summer program, and Hazelton attendance should match last year.

Unfinished Business

- The amendments to the General Policy was presented. Some of the changes included verbiage stating that parents may not use Student cards for personal use. We also included that only service animals are allowed in the library. Sarah Sandridge made a motion to approve the amended General Policy as presented. Deyanira Escalona Trochez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- We need to find a new board member to finish Chase Roger's term through February of 2025. He has left on a mission trip. We discussed that Christine's daughter might be interested. The director will check with the City administrator as to whether or not family members can be on the same board. We will discuss some possible replacements at the next board meeting.
- Deyanira Escalona Trochez brought to the attention of the board a Facebook group called Magic Valley Liberty Alliance. They are also associated with Magic Valley Parents for Safe Libraries. They are meeting in towns around the Magic Valley saying that libraries are not safe places.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.