

### **Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from 03/27/2023**

The Building & Grounds committee met to discuss the library facilities. Red Redinger, Crystal Cerny, Jessica Hill, John McGowan and Katie Earnhart were in attendance.

The meeting began at 9am and began with committee members sharing issues that stood out to them about the facilities surveys. These topics/issues included: Outdoor space, making better use of the coffee bar area, cleanliness of the restrooms, youth furnishings, expanding to a second location or purchasing of a bookmobile, adding a storage unit for staff use, covered parking with solar panels, EV charging, additional study rooms and/or dedicated passport space, LOT display.

Katie provided an update about a meeting she had with Ameren representatives about the Show Me Center's covered parking/solar panels. The University is only getting covered parking as part of that deal and the project was one of two selected statewide. Other grant opportunities exist for us to apply for to cover the cost of the initial investment. Other ideas the Ameren folks shared with us was to install motion sensor lighting and look at updating HVAC systems to save money on our utilities.

Katie also shared that she will be adding funds to the budget this upcoming year to reupholster youth furniture and create a rotation for furniture updates to happen each year.

Finally, the committee agreed to recommend to the full board that Katie begin the research and quote process for creating new outdoor space and staff storage. This could be adding a shed, pavilion, covered patio, exploratory/learning installations for kids, etc. The committee would also like to recommend adding new study rooms as was the plan several years ago.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55am and the committee members walked around the building before departing.