

CAPE GIRARDEAU PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 7am  
Cape Girardeau Public Library

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

Red called the meeting to order at 7:00am.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Adam Criblez, Jessica Hill, Rekha Patterson, Stacy Lane, Ed Thompson, Kathy Wolz, Red Redinger, Lauren Clark-Hill  
Also present: Director Katie Earnhart, Linda Bailiff  
Absent: Dave Diveley

**MINUTES**

Minutes from August meetings were reviewed. **Ed made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Adam. Motion passed.**

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

Adrienne Ross and Elaine Edgar made comments.

**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT**

A doodle poll will be sent out to set a date for the October Board Retreat.

**DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

1. MO Evergreen Update:
  1. Resource sharing went live on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We had over 100 items requested from our library by MEC library patrons and over 100 items requested by our patrons from other libraries on the first day alone. We have been told that the first few days would see a surge and that would level off in the coming weeks/months. While staff have been through some major growing pains, we have seen a great response from the community with this change. Our migration support will be complete on September 8<sup>th</sup> and from then on we will be considered fully integrated in the new system.
  2. Facilities Update:
    1. There was a minor roof leak with all the recent rain. Patches were completed to repair the problem areas.
    2. Youth furniture was picked up for reupholstery and 12 new community room tables were ordered from the Missouri Vocational Enterprises (prison system).
    3. New shelving has been ordered and should arrive within a few weeks to accommodate our new resource-sharing process.
3. Tax Rate Certification:
  1. Our approved 2023-2024 tax rates were presented to the County Clerk and have been certified.
4. A Request for Reconsideration form was received for the following titles: *This Book is Gay* and *Gender Queer*. These titles were reviewed by the Materials Selection Committee in September 2022. Per policy, the decision of the committee stands for 2 years. A letter explaining the committee's decision and the pertinent policy was sent to the patron.

**BUILDING &  
GROUNDS  
COMMITTEE**

None

**BYLAWS &  
POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

None

**PUBLIC  
RELATIONS**

A meeting will be set.

**STRATEGIC  
PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

Stacy suggested we add this item to the Board Retreat agenda.

**BUDGET**

None

**PERSONNEL**

None

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**Jessica made a motion to go into closed session to discuss to discuss contracts per RSMO 610.021(3). Stacy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all board members present agreed. Execution session started at 7:35am.**

**Jessica made a motion for the executive session to end, seconded by Ed. A roll call vote was taken, and all board members present agreed. Executive session ended at 7:51am. No action was taken during the executive session.**

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**FRIENDS  
FOUNDATION**

The spring book sale starts tonight. A volunteer sheet was distributed. The next meeting is Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Red will attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Jessica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ed. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 am.**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be TBD as the retreat needs to be decided.

Recorder: Linda Bailiff