



**Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees
February 17, 2015
Minutes**

The Board of Trustees of the Springfield-Greene County Library District met in regular session on Tuesday, February, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. at the Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield, Missouri. Members of the Board of Trustees were present or absent as follows:

Present/Absent

James Jeffries, President and Member:	Present
Michelle Moulder, Vice President and Member:	Present
Steven Ehase, Secretary and Member:	Absent
Andrea McKinney, Treasurer and Member:	Absent
Kenton DeVries, Member:	Present
Kim Kollmeyer, Member:	Absent
David Richards, Member:	Absent
Michele Risdal-Barnes, Member:	Present
Matthew Simpson, Member:	Absent

The President of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order. There was not a quorum.

Disposition of Minutes: Approval of the minutes from the regular session of January 20, 2015 was tabled until next month due to no quorum.

Standing Committees:

Finance and Personnel Committee: Current taxes were at \$9.2 million for the month, with \$9.7 million for the year-to-date. Revenues were high relative to expenses as is expected at this time of the tax year. Total taxes were about \$100,000 greater than this time last year. Total income year-to-date was \$10,842,580.51. Operating expenses were on track at 51.9 percent overall. LAGERS and FICA were running over budget but are expected to level as the year progresses. The Operating and Maintenance category was at 45.1 percent spent overall, or 13.2 percent under budget. The Charges and Services category was within budget at 51.9 percent. There was a current operating surplus of \$3.392 million. Passport revenue has been good, with over \$47,000 in revenue so far in the year.

Buildings and Grounds Committee:

- The official roof inspections for the four buildings the Library owns are available for review.

- The repair to the Library Center parking lot gate has been postponed.
- Some new flooring has been installed at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library.
- The Midtown Carnegie Branch grease trap odor problem has been solved.
- Remodeling of the lower offices at the Midtown Carnegie Branch has begun.
- The layout of the Willard Branch has been reconfigured.
- Post Office boxes will be phased out at all branches. Mail will be delivered directly to the physical locations.

Programs-Services-Technology Committee:

The report from the committee was tabled until the next meeting.

Report of the Director:

- The Library was awarded a Library Services and Technology Act Summer Reading to Go grant for \$15,000 from the Missouri State Library.
- Cooper and others were at the Springfield Metro Partnership Salute to Legislators on January 28 in Jefferson City. They met with representatives of the House and Senate leadership, Governor Jay Nixon's staff, State Treasurer Clint Zweifel and others to discuss library related issues.
- On February 10, 110 librarians met for Library Advocacy Day at the state Capital to visit with local legislators about support for libraries, primarily about the Governor's budget withholds. The annual event is sponsored by the Missouri Library Association.
- The Springfield Community Garden has volunteered to help promote the new Heirloom Seed Libraries at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library and the Library Station.
- In-coming Springfield Chamber of Commerce President Matt Morrow and his daughter were given a tour of the Library by Cooper.
- Members of the Library administrative staff hosted a breakfast for newly-elected county officials including Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin, County Clerk Shane Schoeller, Tax Collector Leah Betts and Circuit Clerk Tom Barr, as well as County Commissioners Harold Bengsch and Roseanne Bentley.
- Electronic Resources Librarian Renee Brumett will present a session on the Encore catalog at the Innovative Users Group conference in Minneapolis in April.
- Four staff members represented the Library District on various committees and the ALA Council at the recent Midwinter Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago.
- Staff asked for permission to have a Jeans Day in support of Springfield Police Officer Aaron Pearson who recently suffered a career-ending injury while on duty. On Friday, February 20, staff were allowed to wear jeans to work for a donation of \$5.00 or more.
- Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be cancelled in March.

Foundation Update: Foundation and Development Director Valerie Richardson asked the board to save the date on May 5, 2015 for Give Ozarks Day, an online giving day sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. There will be opportunities to win special incentive prizes during the day for certain donation benchmarks, and Richardson will publicize those when

the time comes. The Brentwood capital campaign continues. The steering committee's next goal is for major donor contributions before the public phase begins in the next month or two.

Staff Recognition: Library Station Reference Librarian Jack Neely was recognized by the board upon his retirement for his service to the Library since 1989.

The President declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Director of Business Operations