

**DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**May 29, 2024**

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Danielle Gabor at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call:** Danielle Gabor, Jamie Hollon, Dustin Sharp, Susan Swaney, Susan Topping and Mayor Mark Staats were present. Eric Gustafson, Library Director, Hannah Adamson, Youth Services Coordinator and Tami English, Office Manager also attended. Kyle McCaskey and Gabe McKeever were absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Jamie Hollon moved to approve the agenda as written and was seconded by Susan Topping. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Forum:** Mayor Mark Staats thanked Library Board members for serving and supporting the library and community.

**Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2024 meeting:** Jamie Hollon moved to approve the minutes as written and Dustin Sharp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence and Communications:** Derby Arts Council (Tami English and Stephanie Bayliff) received a thank you from Derby High School (Natalie Brown) for judging student artwork in advance of an art reception at DHS.

**Financial Reports:** Eric Gustafson shared March's financial report. We are 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way through 2024. Financials are proceeding as expected.

Jamie Hollon moved to approve the March Financial Reports. Susan Topping seconded the motion, which approved unanimously.

**Director Report:**

Circulation statistics continue to see increased usage of library checkouts, programs and services. We have seen increased patrons from Wichita due to the recent cyber-attack and services not restored at Wichita Public Library.

Hannah Adamson and Alyssa LaRue successfully completed their summer reading promo tour to all Derby Elementary Schools and St. Mary's School. Their summer reading presentation was performed 25 times and reached over 3500 students.

June is the busiest month at the library with the summer reading challenge. On the first day of the program, 800 youth signed up. By the second day, the library had over 1200 registered. Summer reading programs can help improve reading skills like phonics, fluency, spelling, comprehension, and vocabulary. The goal of the library's summer reading program is to help children retain knowledge and skills they learned during the school year.

The presentation technology in the community room has been upgraded and is fully operational.

Derby resident Mark Ward donated his watercolor painting, "Derby Depot" to the library. The painting is a reimagining of how the Derby (El Paso) train depot originally appeared.

Facilities continue to make improvements at the library. The men's urinal which has been an intermittent problem over the years is in the process of being replaced. Bonnie Thieme at the city has been working hard on the landscaping around the building. Irrigation is once again operational and the flower beds are beginning to see new life.

Tami English was recognized at the Board meeting for 15 years of service. Hannah Adamson has been elected Vice President of the Wichita Area Library Association.

Our newly revised continuing education policy is off to a fabulous start with 15 staff members completing a total of 56 CE hours for the month.

### **Committee/Special Reports:**

#### ➤ Arts Council:

- Look for Newton artist Virgil Penner to bring new art to the Gathering Space Gallery in June. Penner's paintings are renowned for their vibrant colors and otherworldly landscapes, often featuring creative trees that defy reality. A reception celebrating his artworks is scheduled for Third Thursday in August from 6 to 7:30 pm.
- "From Home to Horizon" by Elizabeth Corbett is showing in the High Wall Gallery. Her exhibition runs through July 21<sup>st</sup> and will showcase paintings from Kansas and trips abroad. Working both in the studio and en plein air (outdoors), she draws inspiration from the beauty of the natural world.
- Derby resident Tom Lervik will share his love of baseball with visitors to the library in June. His lobby display case will include baseball cards and other memorabilia from the 1950s.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Outdoor Area – Some schematics are complete. The layout of the splash pad has increased to 50 x 60. PEC is working towards a future bid of the project.

### **New Business:**

- Election of Officers: Eric Gustafson shared officer positions and responsibilities: Call for nominees.

Susan Swaney nominated the slate of officers: Danielle Gabor as Chair, Gabe McKeever as Vice Chair, Dustin Sharp as Treasurer and Susan Topping as Secretary. Motion seconded by Jamie Hollon. Officer slate approved unanimously.

- Budget committee: The library board appointed Jamie Hollon and Dustin Sharp to the budget committee.
- Susan Swaney was appointed to the Arts Council Board.

### **Executive Session: None**

### **Adjournment:**

- Dustin Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan Swaney seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to approve.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Danielle Gabor, Director

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Susan Topping, Secretary