

**Regular Meeting of the Pioneer Library System Board of Trustees
Moore Public Library, 225 S. Howard, Moore, OK
Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

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1. Meeting is Called to Order at 6:30 pm

1.01 Roll Call.

Members present

Mike Box, Jonathan Fowler, Jeannette McNally, Julie Curry, Philip Nguyen, Mary Pointer, Tara Douglas, Rachel Nicolle Carr

Members absent

Marilyn Bradford, Jimmy Coleman, Mandy Haws, Rayven Kirk, Marissa Lightsey

Lisa Wells, Executive Director was in attendance.

1.02 Introduction of Guest.

Kelly Sitzman, Heather Thompson, Caroline Dulworth, Kim Zahller, Aiden Street, Katie Armistead, Eugene Branson FOML, Susan Gable, Laura Callaham, Lunden England, Becky Pauls, Peggy Cook, Doug Buck, Rebekah Lynam, Kelsey Williamson, Vona Karns, Jessica Givens, Angela Robertson, Phil Clark, Friends of Moore Volunteers, Karen Bolt, Ken Slatten, Kelly Slatten, Betty Slatten

1.03 Branch Update and Board Recognition.

Phil Clark presented the Moore Branch Update and Board Recognition.

Collaborate for Broader Impact:

The City of Moore continues to support the Story Walk with equipment, transportation, and possible expansion to other city parks. This has led to a better relationship between the library and staff at The Station with outreach programs and participation at more large-scale events coming soon.

We have eleven Sequoyah Book Clubs, Sensory Story Times for Special Education classes, Parent nights with STEAM activities for the kids in the Moore Public Schools. We have seen an increase in not just media specialists asking for assistance but teachers contacting us directly as well.

The Moore Library staff played a leading role in the formation of the Moore Social Services Coalition. This was born out of the strong relationship the library built with the Regional Food Bank in Moore. Staff continue to

volunteer every Thursday. The group is currently working to improve public transportation with a proposal going to the Moore City Council soon. The library has also greatly benefited from the exposure and sharing of resources.

Foster an Engaged and Inclusive Culture:

We had a Home School, Symposium and Career Fair. It was a collaboration between the Moore and SOKC Branches and Business Services.

Reimagine the Library:

We have created a more attractive and welcoming space for teens that offer things like gaming which attract the targeted demographic.

We also offer outdoor programming and use the garden when appropriate and a bird watching display with a live webcam showing birds from around the world as part of the "Great Backyard Bird Count". A great example of staff thinking outside the box and creating innovative "experience-centers" as we move forward with the development of our PLS programming framework.

Clark recognized Betty Slatten, Friends of the Moore Library Volunteer. Betty is the current, 1st Vice President, of the Moore Friends of the Library and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the library and citizens of Moore enjoy the best services and programs possible. Betty is a long-term resident of Moore and has been a part of the Friends of the Library group for more than 30 years. In addition to her leadership in the fundraising efforts of the group, Betty has also volunteered at numerous library programs and partnered with library staff to assist in library advocacy efforts with local and state leaders. Betty is a true Friend of the Library, always open to help whenever needed and to offer words of encouragement and support to the library staff and her fellow Friends members. We are all extremely grateful for her vision and persistence that has resulted in thousands of local citizens of all ages reaping the benefits of all the library has to offer.

Lisa Wells presented the Longevity award to Kim Zahller for 25 years of service at Pioneer.

1.04 Public Comments.

No public comments received.

2. Consent Docket

2.01 Consider Approval of the Consent Items in Accordance with the Recommended Action on Each Listed Below.

Resolution: Approval of the Consent Items in Accordance with the Recommended Action on Each Listed Below.

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Motion by Mary Pointer, second by Jonathon Fowler

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Mike Box, Jonathan Fowler, Jeannette McNally, Julie Curry, Philip Nguyen, Mary Pointer, Tara Douglas, Rachel Nicolle Carr

2.02 Consideration of January 25, 2022, Minutes.

Approval of the Consent Items in Accordance with the Recommended Action on Each Listed Below.

Motion by Mary Pointer, second by Jonathon Fowler

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Mike Box, Jonathan Fowler, Jeannette McNally, Julie Curry, Philip Nguyen, Mary Pointer, Tara Douglas, Rachel Nicolle Carr

2.03 Consideration of January 31, 2022, Financial Statement.

Approval of the Consent Items in Accordance with the Recommended Action on Each Listed Below.

Motion by Mary Pointer, second by Jonathon Fowler

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Mike Box, Jonathan Fowler, Jeannette McNally, Julie Curry, Philip Nguyen, Mary Pointer, Tara Douglas, Rachel Nicolle Carr

2.04 Consideration of Urban Libraries Council Membership Renewal in the Amount of \$10,500.00.

Approval of the Consent Items in Accordance with the Recommended Action on Each Listed Below.

Motion by Mary Pointer, second by Jonathon Fowler

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Mike Box, Jonathan Fowler, Jeannette McNally, Julie Curry, Philip Nguyen, Mary Pointer, Tara Douglas, Rachel Nicolle Carr

2.05 Consideration to Sell or Dispose of Surplus and/or Obsolete Equipment.

Approval of the Consent Items in Accordance with the Recommended Action on Each Listed Below.

Motion by Mary Pointer, second by Jonathon Fowler

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Mike Box, Jonathan Fowler, Jeannette McNally, Julie Curry, Philip Nguyen, Mary Pointer, Tara Douglas, Rachel Nicolle Carr

3. Other Items for Board Consideration

3.01 Consideration of Encumbrances in the Amounts and to the Accounts as Charged, January 26 - February 23, 2022.

3.02 Consideration to Approve Recommended Revisions to the PLS Public Participation Policy.

Approval of Recommended Revisions to the PLS Public Participation Policy.

Motion by Mary Pointer, second by Mike Box.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Mike Box, Jonathan Fowler, Jeannette McNally, Julie Curry, Philip Nguyen, Mary Pointer, Tara Douglas, Rachel Nicolle Carr

4. Reports/Updates

4.01 Story of the Month

Lunden England presented January's Story of the Month from South Oklahoma City.

A customer come into the library about six weeks ago, looking for some books for her college class. This was her first time coming into our library, so was talked about our services and helped her get a library card. We showed her the books we had on the subject she was looking for and she ended up leaving with a big stack of items. About a month after that, she came in again. We remembered her from her previous visit, so we greeted her and asked her if the books she got were helpful. She said they were, and that she was looking for some more for her class. We spent quite a bit of time helping her, searching for physical books and digital resources. We showed her what we had on Hoopla, how to access some articles on our databases, talked about interlibrary loan, etc... She was very thankful and left with another stack of books. About 20 minutes later she came back into the library. She had some McDonald's with her and said she was so thankful for all the help and wanted to show her appreciation by getting us lunch. We told her that she didn't need to do that, we are here to help. She then told us that she was going through a very hard time lately and had lost her

husband of 25 years to suicide a few months ago. She said that when she was in the library for the first time, that was the first time she felt like things might get better and the first time she felt normal for a moment since everything happened. She said she'd also been struggling with college and was contemplating dropping out the day she first came into the library, but after leaving she felt encouraged to keep going. She wanted to let us know that we made a difference even without knowing what was going on with her. She also wanted to thank everyone at the library for being so warm and welcoming and told us it meant so much to her. She said it's still hard to do the normal things, even just getting out of the house, but it helps to know that when she comes into the library, we'll always be so friendly and helpful. She said she's been to a few places in the last few months, but this is the only place that has helped her and that she has wanted to come back to. We were honestly shocked when she told us all this. She seemed like such a nice person, and we would never have thought she was dealing with something like that if she didn't tell us. It really made us realize that we have no idea what all might be going on with people, we should just try and be as helpful and friendly as possible, because you never know what it might mean to someone.

4.02 Strategic Plan Update

Caroline Dulworth presented the Strategic Plan Update.

There are exciting things going on in the System that are the results of the work we have been doing on our Strategic Plan.

Topic one is to Curate an Inclusive Customer Experience:

PLS Reads 2022:

We identify critical topics in our communities. We provide opportunities for exploration and discussion. Throughout our programming, from the book discussions to the author visits, we give opportunity for the people in the communities to have a conversation. The theme this year is our environment and plan to feature three titles. Spring Title: Fiction, Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin, Summer Title: Non-Fiction, Natures Best Hope, by Douglas Tallamy, Fall Title: Fiction, Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver.

Spark a Change Events this Spring will be bringing in author, Eileen Garvin to talk about the Music of Bees on Earth Day, April 23rd – 24th. They will partner in Newcastle, Shawnee, and Norman with other Earth Day activities.

Sunday Stars:

Pioneer was awarded a grant through the State Department of Education to support after school and summer learning.

We've developed an enrichment program to support student's academic, social, and emotional needs. The emphasis being on Reading and STEAM. We will pilot in Noble, Purcell and Tecumseh.

4.03 Executive Director and Staff Reports.


Lisa Wells announced that we are very excited to bring back indoor programming for children on Sunday, March 13th. We will also begin actively recruiting volunteers.

Wells updated the board on legislation affecting public and school libraries.

4.04 Board Comments.

5. Adjournment

5.01 Adjourn the Meeting.



Jeannette McNally, Chair



Lisa Wells, Executive Director