

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 19, 2022**

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met at the library on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Members present were Bob Leonard, Jan Evans, Erin McBride, Harv Sprafka, Scott Ziller, and Dave Johnson. Lindsey Carlson was absent. Heather Ussery (City Manager), Glenn Lyons (Economic Development Director), and Marilyn Arber (Community Development Director) were present.

The meeting was called to order by Scott Ziller. Jan Evans moved, Bob Leonard seconded to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

At this point, Scott Ziller invited input from the guests and board regarding the Gebhardt house. Glenn Lyons spoke about board considerations: whether the house was architecturally or culturally relevant and whether the library could partner with another entity to maintain the house and keep its significance going for a long time. Estimates for repair, maintenance and/or renovations exceed \$250,000 and grants or fundraising efforts will have to be made. After discussion, Bob Leonard moved, seconded by Dave Johnson that the board make a recommendation to the city council to raze the Gebhardt house and consider building a park to be named the Dixie Cornell Gebhardt Park in honor of her memory. A resolution will be presented to city council. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence.

Roslin gave the librarian's report for March 2022. 4,274 physical and 1,006 downloadable items were checked out. There were 1,996 visits in March, averaging about 77 visitors a day. Donations, gifts and memorials totaled \$4,755 and specified for memorial books and the Summer Library Program.

The staff has started going back to the elementary schools for outreach. Activities during spring break had good attendance. Roslin gave a rundown on activities coming up for the rest of April and May.

The Friends book sale garnered approximately \$1200. Roslin will attend the Directors' Roundtable at Marshalltown on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Art submissions have been turned in and finalists will be notified in May whether their artwork will be accepted by the library. A glass door was broken by a rock thrown by two juveniles but security camera footage indicated it as accidental. No charges will be filed.

Under Media Strategy Plan, the library will advertise upcoming events in the usual media channels, especially social media. The library also subscribes to a texting service.

Dave Johnson moved, Jan Evans seconded that the revenue and expense report for March be approved. Motion was unanimous. Bob Leonard moved, seconded by Erin McBride that the city trust report be approved. Motion passed unanimously. Dave Johnson moved, Erin McBride seconded the approval for payment of bills for April. Motion passed unanimously, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Public Library.

Roslin Thompson  
Secretary