

**OSAGE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2016
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The Osage County Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Katrinka Goldberg, President. Betty Hagenhoff, Assistant Director was present to take the minutes.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jane Dolan, Katrinka Goldberg, Jenny Jacobs, and Debbie Rowles. Also present were: Claudia Schoonover, Library Director; and Betty Hagenhoff, Assistant Director.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There were no public comments.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Debbie Rowles moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting. Jane Dolan seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
None
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A: **Draft Budget (sent with 8/16/16 MRRL Packet)**
Claudia briefly reviewed the draft budget. Some of the items she mentioned that are included in the budget are: replacement of the main library front doors, basin heater for the main library cooling tower, fire alarm system for the main library, teen zone updates, some small increases for collection development lines and a 2% salary increase for all staff. Betty Hagenhoff noted that this is only a draft budget. Staff still needs to meet with the Finance Committee before presenting a budget to the full MRRL Board for approval.
 - B: **Levy Setting**
Betty Hagenhoff reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing, 2016 Property Tax Levy attachment. There was a short discussion about the Assessed Valuation and how the property tax rate is determined. Jane Dolan asked why the proposed tax rate for 2016 is lower than the rate set in 2015. In brief when the percentage increase in assessed valuation of existing property exceeds the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the year the tax rate is forced down by the requirements of the Hancock Amendment. The State Auditor's office is responsible for verifying that the rate is calculated correctly.

Jenny Jacobs made a motion to set the Osage County Library District tax levy at the maximum allowed by law for 2016 (\$0.1734 per \$100 assessed valuation). Jane Dolan seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Rowles reminded the Board of the upcoming Reader's Theater fundraiser being held by the MRRL Foundation on Friday and Saturday, September 30 and October 1, 2016 at the main library in Jefferson City. The Friday night event is adults only and Saturday is a family friendly event.

Claudia noted that the next Cultural Concert on the Capital grounds in Jefferson City is being held September 9, 2016. The artist for that concert is Miss Jubilee, performing hot jazz and swing. Claudia also reminded everyone of the Community Conversations being held in September and October. These are being held in order to get community input about the library and to assist the board in their long range planning. One of these will be held on October 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Osage County Community Center in Linn.

Jenny Jacobs announced that she has been working with Linda Robinson with the Friends of the Osage County Library (FOCL) about getting some volunteer help through State Technical College to help move books for the upcoming FOCL Used Book Sale. The book sale will be on Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th at the Osage County Community Center in Linn.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

THE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE OSAGE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THEREFORE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.