

Marion County Library

May 18, 2023

5pm

Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Curt Bryant, Chair; Amy Brown Treasurer; Peggy Pentkowski, Alesia Owen, Carol Harris; and Dana Scott, Director.

**Visitors:** Joan Bryant, Suzy McVay, Charlee Zeissler.

**Scheduled Speakers** N/A

**Minutes**

The April Minutes were approved as submitted

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Marion County Clerk  
*Dawn Moffet* D.C.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Brown explained how she, the Treasurer, creates and files her report. Then the Treasurer's Report was submitted and filed for audit.

**Chair**

The Chair had nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business**

**Updated and Edited Working Remotely Policy**~Ms. Brown moved to accept the Updated and Edited Working Remotely Policy. Motion duly seconded. Ms. Owen opposed the Working Remotely Policy but due to a lack of second, the Working Remotely Policy passed.

While a paper copy of the budget was being distributed, Ms. Owen said she did not understand why the Working Remotely Policy was discussed, as "Mr. Russo, Prosecuting Attorney, said no one could work from home". To receive legal clarification, Ms. Scott explained she too had spoken with Mr. Russo. He explained, a policy needed to be passed by the Board, then by the Personnel Committee, and then by Quorum Court. Since the last policy was not passed by the Personnel Committee, we have updated it in hopes of passage.

Ms. Owen also said she had been discussing board business with some JPs. When asked why she was discussing Board Business with JPs, Ms. Owen stated "they are my friends and I can discuss whatever I want with them". Mr. Bryant said that he has explained this before and that board members may not discuss board business outside of the board meetings without approval from the rest of the board.

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Ms. Owen then pointed out that the entire board went to a Personnel Meeting and “she was not invited”. Ms. Scott explained she had tried to give Ms. Owen Dawn Moffett’s contact email, as Ms. Moffett sends out meeting information from her contact list. Ms. Owen said again, she didn’t want “the list”. Ms. Scott explained again, Ms. Owen would not receive a list, she would be on the list and “that’s how the board knew about the meeting.” Mr. Russo attended the Personnel Meeting and explained again, how the Policies are passed.

**Executive Session to Assess Staffing Needs**-The Board decided to discuss Reinstating Full Time Position & Budget without going into Executive Session as long as they did not discuss pay out loud as visitors were still in the building. During the discussion, Ms. Owen announced the pay for our only part-time employee.

**Reinstate Full-Time Position & Budget**-Ms. Harris moved to reinstate the Full-Time Position & Budget. Motion duly seconded. Ms. Owen abstained from the vote.

**New Business**

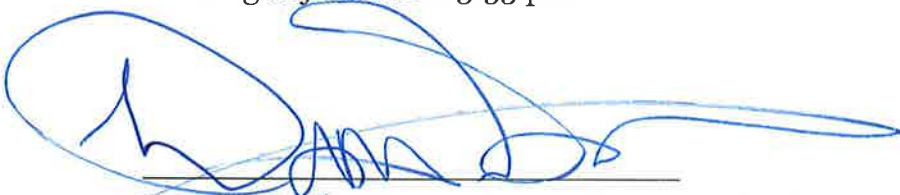
**Director**

The Director reported on the updated Summer Reading Events and explained she was unsure if she was going to be able to attend ALA due to transportation issues.

**Non-Agenda Items**

Ms. Zeissler (visitor) asked if all Board Members attend library programs, all except Ms. Owen attend or have attended library programs, Ms. Zeissler then asked if all Board Members have library cards, all except Ms. Owen have valid library cards.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm



Dana E. Scott, Library Director/Secretary for the Board