

Sainte Genevieve County Library
Open Meeting
Board of Trustees
February 10, 2025

Be it Remembered: A meeting of the Sainte Genevieve County Library Board was called to order by Board President Jean Johnson on Monday, February 10, 2025 beginning at 12:06 p.m. at the Sainte Genevieve County Library located at 21388 Highway 32, Sainte Genevieve, MO 63670.

Roll Call: A quorum was established as Board President Jean Johnson, Vice-President Melissa Otto, Secretary Robert Bach, Treasurer Robin Reynolds and Member-at-Large Cindy Nugent answered *aye* to a roll call vote. Attending were Library Executive Director Shawn Long, Assistant Director Lindsey Picou and Program Director Missy McElligott.

Approval of Agenda: Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve the agenda. Melissa Otto voiced a second. All Board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Public Comment: No member of the public was present.

Approval of Minutes: Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Robin Reynolds voiced a second. All Board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Executive Director Shawn Long went over the Financial Reports and line items. Melissa Otto made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Robert Bach voiced a second. All Board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Directors Report: Executive Library Director Shawn Long offered his Directors Report:

Rock & Roll Bingo: The Friends of the Library fundraiser is scheduled for February 22nd with doors opening at 6pm; festivities at 7pm. Director Long asked for board members to please consider attending. Tickets are available for \$25. The Friends have big plans this year to help the library so showing support may allow good things to follow. This event has occurred in the past and has proven successful.

Patio: The strategic plan embraced a patio feature and the Friends of the Library would like to undertake an effort in that regard. Director Long has spoken to the Community Center who favors such a project but, in turn, referred the concept to the Commissioners. Director Long sought board discussion before pursuing it further. He's obtained a quote from Reynolds Landscaping which illustrated a cost range of \$15k to \$68k depending on creativity i.e. length, width and scope. The Friends intend to fundraise for the whole project by promoting, for the most part, engraved brick/paver purchases by interested parties. Various patio designs were in brief focus and it was noted that county funds are not in any way, shape, or form an ingredient in this effort.

Dungeons & Dragons Online Program: Director Long's been approached by an acquaintance and avid enthusiast of D&D. This person is a Ste. Genevieve native and wants to give, in some way, to the community by conducting a D&D game(s) online. This is an endeavor without a particular precedent resulting in Director Long seeking board discussion; specifics are the person orchestrating the event would be required to complete a volunteer form and there may be a need to submit to a background check, etc. The event would be a one-off occurrence. Further discussion focused on how a D&D event might be viewed by people not participating or who may not be familiar with Dungeons & Dragons. Discussion established that D&D can be orchestrated such that it is focused on the proper age group.

Touch-a-Truck Event: The library is hosting its first ever *Touch-a-Truck* program in the library parking lot on March 29th. The Ste. Genevieve Fire Department will have a fire response vehicle present as well as people talking about their ballot initiative. Director Long will set up a table to talk about the library ballot initiative and indicated it would of great benefit if a board member (or two) sits at the table that day. Vehicles other than emergency response may be present.

Charlie Cart Fundraiser: The Friends will be hosting a fundraiser for the Charlie Cart allowing Misty's kids from her bake club to showcase their culinary expertise. A number of food surprises will be offered for sale with all proceeds providing support for the Bake Club program.

Fundraising Potential: Director Long has researched obtaining Bluey and Bingo costumes and has such in mind at a cost of ~\$650 for both. He will ask the Friends to potentially cover the cost with the Friends subsequently recovering the cost by renting the costumes to interested parties. Continued rentals offer future fundraising opportunities. Bluey/Bingo costume arrival perhaps in late March.

Foundation Date: Director Long is looking at options for giveaways for Library Week and thought that, in lieu of the Library's logo, the words *Ste. Genevieve County Library Established 'nnnn'* might be a better message. The question is however what date should be shown? (A) 1904; when a Ste. Genevieve library group formed or (B) 1934; when the library officially had a home at a physical location or (C) 1960; when the library became part of Ozark Regional & had an official tax rate. Discussion settled quickly on 1934.

Prop 'L': Dates were identified as those where Director Long will present to various groups in support of the April initiative. The dates included press releases with content.

CFO Teen Mental Health: The failure to achieve this grant was a disappointment.

Annual Report: Director Long stated that the annual report should be ready soon and may be available at the March meeting.

Dollar General Summer Reading Grant: The Dollar General Grant was submitted February 3rd and it targets; (1) one year of Novel Effects for All card holders, (2) \$850 in Picture books, and (3) \$500 in giveaways for us to host 3months of Teen Book Boxes. Other monies may be sought should the grant not cover things in their entirety.

Budget: The commission has been in receipt of the library's 2025 budget for a number of weeks. With nothing providing evidence to the contrary, approval is believed to be explicit.

Library Week: The idea of sweaters remains at the forefront but awaits final costs. Various designs were discussed as well as the potential for a long-sleeved T-shirt.

Demco Proof of Concept: Director Long stated he expects something this week regarding the redesign from January's meeting. Once he receives a response he will forward it to board members for review. It should be noted that even if the design receives unanimous approval, the message to the public enumerates potential ideas that may come to fruition only if Prop 'L' passes and not all may unfold as planned.

Library Visits: Visits remain healthy. Story Time attendance, library card registration, Hoopla usage, tech assistance requests, and Dial-A-Story usage indicate a good community/library unity.

Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Robin Reynolds made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Nugent voiced a second. All board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the open meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, March 10th, 2025 at noon.

Respectfully:

Jean Johnson
Board President
Sainte Genevieve County Library



Robert E. Bach
Board Secretary
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