

Sainte Genevieve County Library
Open Meeting
Board of Trustees
March 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, March 10, 2025 beginning at 12:08 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 and Assistant Director Lindsey Picou.

Approval of Agenda: Robin Reynolds 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 one from the public was present however discussion centered on several topics that originated in the public domain. The first focused on books with certain contemporary content, followed by a dissecting of Director Long's presentation at the local Republican Club meeting. After his talk, several comments revealed muted thinly veiled derision regarding the library's levy initiative. Although there appeared, outwardly, to be some support by a few. In contrast, Director Long's ballot initiative presentation at the Democratic Club meeting was very well received with many taking *Prop L* yard signs and supportive material. Board Vice-President Melissa Otto gave voice to the successful library representation at the recent SGCMH Women's Wellness Fair. She and library Program Director Missy McElligott represented the library for the duration of the event.

Approval of Minutes: Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Melissa Otto 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. Robert Bach made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Cindy Nugent 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:

Summer Reading Planning: Summer reading, and all that it entails, is currently in the planning phase. The library is actively seeking sponsors to help offset costs, so all who may be willing to assist are welcome.

Library Giving Day: Director Long discussed 'National Giving Day' specific to libraries that falls on April 5th. Pursuing this publically is in question due to the April ballot initiative.

Library Director to Speak: Director Long will speak at the MPLD in June with the library tax levy the prime topic. Michele Swaine, MPLD president and director of Ozark Regional, has been following SGCLIB's rollout closely and has rendered a positive critique. Additionally, Director Long will append some personal time to the event for an abbreviated family holiday. His appearance at MPLD will be his second and will occur in Jefferson City.

Prop L: Thirty days and a 'wake-up' remain before Voting Day! Success depends on the continued dispensing of information and conversation with anyone regarding Prop L! Director Long shall make presentations as follows; (1) Mar.12-*What's Happening* 3:00 (?), (2) Mar.12-*Health Department* 3:00-6:00, (3) Mar.14-*Professionals Open House*-9:30, (4) Mar.18-*Library Town Hall* 5:30, (5) Mar.19-*Voters Forum* 6:30, (6) Mar.20-*St. Vincent De Paul* 11:00, (7) Mar.29th-*Touch a Truck* Program.

Director Long asked if interest may exist regarding an evening watch party on election night, or perhaps an unofficial social gathering the following Friday to absorb election results. Such an undertaking would be purely social. The evening of April 11 offers potential.

Press Release Schedule/Approval: The Annual Report was briefly discussed and deemed complete.

Dollar General Summer Reading Grant: A Dollar General Grant was submitted February 3rd. If successful it will cover one year of Novel Effects for All card holders, \$850 in Picture books, and \$500 in giveaways that will host three months of Teen Book Boxes.

Touch-A-Truck: The library will host its first ever program of this type on March 29th. The Ste. Genevieve Fire Department will have a response vehicle present for kids of all ages. They will also have their Vote Yes committee present to discuss their ballot initiative. The library will discuss Prop L. Board members are invited to attend.

Bluey and Bingo costumes are on order and may be present for the Touch-A-Truck event. Regardless, the Taco Dragon will be on duty.

Friends of the Library will be hosting a fundraiser for the Charlie Cart using Misty's kids from her bake club. They are going to bake individual items to sell and all proceeds will go to support the bake club program.

Demco Proof of Concept: Director Long presented the final Demco proof for board review and requested feedback.

Rock-and-Roll Bingo: The evening was enjoyed by all who attended and the results were, again, quite favorable with the financial reward ~\$4500.

Library Week: April 7-11 is National Library Week. Prior discussion of sweatshirts or long-sleeve shirts for all employees, board members, and Friends of The Library members identified costs of \$20.00 per shirt. Each would illustrate two logo imprints. A motion was made by Cindy Nugent to approve the purchase and a second was voiced by Melissa Otto. All Board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the motion carried.

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, Cindy Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Robin Reynolds voiced a second. All board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the open meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, April 14th, 2025 at noon.

Respectfully:

Jean Johnson
Board President
Sainte Genevieve County Library



Robert E. Bach
Board Secretary
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