

CAPE GIRARDEAU PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Thursday, March 28, 2024 @ 7am
Cape Girardeau Public Library

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Red called the meeting to order at 7:05am.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Adam Criblez, Jessica Hill, Rekha Patterson, Stacy Lane, Red Redinger, Lauren Clark-Hill, Ed Thompson, Kathy Wolz
Also present: Director Katie Earnhart, Linda Bailiff
Absent: Dave Diveley, Jessica Hill

MINUTES

Minutes from the Feb 22 board meeting and the March 14 Strategic Planning Committee were presented to the board. **Ed made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Adam. Motion passed.**

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Citizens attended the meeting, and the following three people made comments: Tom Blattel, Liz Lockhart and Carl Patterson.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

Red remarked the House Bill 2498 seems to be stalled. This bill would require board members to campaign and win an election for a seat on the Board of Trustees – a volunteer position.

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

1. Library Grants:
 1. The library was the recipient of a \$2,902 grant from the State Library to create a Memory Kit lending collection. These memory kits will most benefit senior citizens with memory loss to improve memory and recall skills. The grant was submitted by Kayla Thompson in Adult Services.
 2. Alli Boyer in Youth Services also submitted a grant to the State Library for their Spotlight on Literacy Award. The library was awarded \$7,216 for a Family Food Literacy program. This grant will allow the Youth Services dept to expand the Bite-Sized Chef program and offer programs that focus on easy and healthy snack recipes for children. Other programs include baby-led weening for parents with infants and meals in a mug for teens.
2. Library Advocacy:
 1. MLA Legislative committee has put out an email campaign tool to contact local representatives to express concerns over HB2498 and HB2648
3. Friends Update:
 1. The Friends Booksale was held at the beginning of March. Their sale brought in just under \$6,000.
4. Stacy accepted a plaque from the Cape Area Chamber of Commerce acknowledging our 51 years of continuous membership in the Chamber.
5. The Adult Services and User Services Department will begin transitioning our neighborhoods in Non-fiction back to a standard dewey decimal shelving system.

A Request for Reconsideration form has been received for the title *All Boys Aren't Blue*. The Materials Selection Committee has begun the review process

**BUILDING &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE**

None.

**BYLAWS &
POLICY
COMMITTEE**

None.

BUDGET

None.

PERSONNEL

None.

**PUBLIC
RELATIONS**

None.

**STRATEGIC
PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

Stacy reported highlights of the February Listening Session include an outdoor space and a book mobile. **Stacy made a motion to approve the strategic initiatives as presented by the Strategic Planning Committee and to authorize Katie to proceed with assigning financial estimates to those initiatives on a priority basis and working with a financial consultant to forecast those costs into the future. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

There are plenty of glasses available at the library for the upcoming eclipse on April 8th, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

**FRIENDS
FOUNDATION**

The Friends next meeting will be May 21st at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Stacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 am.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 25, 2024th @ 7am
Cape Public Library

Recorder: Linda Bailiff