

**Centralia Public Library**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13th, 2023**

**Trustees Present:** Angie Taylor, Treasurer Linda Luke, Suzanne Long, Secretary Katherine Butrum, Vice-President Catherine Simmons and Melissa Maxwell

**Trustees Absent:** President Alan Baca, Erin Eastin & Felicia Beckmann

**Others in Attendance:** Director Amy Hopkins

Vice-President Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

**Public Comments:** None

**City Information Report:** None.

**Minutes:** Due to a lack of quorum, Board Members could not approve the February Meeting Minutes. The present Board Members reviewed and discussed the March Minutes. Trustee Luke made a motion to approve and Trustee Taylor seconded that motion. All in favor, March Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The March Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's report and Trustee Long seconded. All in favor, report approved.

**Old Business:**

- A. Bids for various library improvements were discussed.
  - a. Bids for exterior sign (West side of library) were again discussed. Trustee Taylor made a motion to accept the Sherwood Signs bid. Trustee Luke seconded that motion, all in favor, bid accepted.
  - b. The Trustees present chose to table the decision on the bids for the wallpaper removal and painting of interior walls until President Baca could be present. It was also discussed that this project should not begin until after the Summer Reading Program.

**New Business:**

- A. None.

**Director's Report:** Director Hopkins reported that the flower box was installed at the end of the sidewalk. She will look into planting tall plants. The donated Paws & Pages banner is now posted in the front lawn to draw more interest to the monthly Paws & Pages Event. The community garden will be tilled soon by Mike Rodgers and CMBS FACS students will help plant the garden with the assistance of teacher Angela Willier. Director Hopkins mentioned that the

FACS students kindly weeded the library front flower beds. Director Hopkins also kept the Board updated with the newly passed Senate Bill 775, and also the proposed budget the Missouri House passed stripping state funding for libraries (\$4.5 mil) and how that would affect Centralia Public Library.

**President's Report:** None

Vice-President Simmons called to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Trustee Butrum made a motion, Trustee Luke seconded, motion carried and meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be at the Centralia Public Library on May 11th, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by  
Katherine Butrum  
Secretary