

WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – Turner Community Library
January 21, 2020
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Pat Pettey, Chair.

Members attending: Pat Pettey, Jim Jarsulic, Korri Hall-Thompson, Pat Garmon, Judy Anderson, Angela Lawson, M.W. Hill, John “Tiny” McTaggart, Jody Boedin and Micki Hill.

Support Advisors: Carol Levers, Director of KCK Public Library; Rochelle McCaulley, Assistant Director of Libraries; Jake Granath, Director of Bonner Springs Library; Aaron Froelich Turner Library, Branch Manager; Katie Devlin, UG Legal, and Lisa Rangel, UG Administrative support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Korri Hall-Thompson, seconded by Judy Anderson. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Pettey said we will have Debbie Jonscher from the UG Budget department to discuss the budget and Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA) and what the UG is anticipating for future funding. If businesses aren't paying, then homeowners are paying. It's a worrisome shift and impacts the amount of money that comes to as a taxing entity to our library board.

Debbie Jonscher stated, the final \$487 million I don't think it will, we estimated your review in 2020 to be around \$2.9 million. The mill levy adjusted slighted to what the final was in November, but we won't have the final mill rate estimates until we get that from the clerk's office. Pat Garmon asked if the mill levy adjustment is up or down. Debbie said your final mill levy went to 6.1. then it was 6.06. When we estimate the revenue, then based on whether the valuation goes up or down, they adjust it to make sure you maintain the same revenue. Pat Pettey asked, if the casino settlement reflects 2017/2018. Angela Lawson stated the credit reflects 2017/2018. It will be split out over four years.

Carol Leavers: Turner's carry over is very high. We froze a year or two to use as a carry over. Turner and Bonner. It's difficult because with Turner being so small, they don't have the space to spend that much money. Pat, instead of a 45%, then next year would involve same thing for KCK libraries, and something different for Turner? Korri Hall asked, if you freeze Turner, we will still give that 5% but would the 5% go to Turner or where would it go? If we say “freeze” Turner's overage and still vote for the 5% increase, then it should go to Turner, correct? Carol said, last time this happened, they froze and just gave the two others whatever was allocated, split the percentage. If we do it again, it will keep growing and it's not healthy because I will be questioned by the auditors. We don't have a building fund for Turner so we can't say we'll take X-amount and put in the building fund. Pat said, there were two motions, one that set the total budget for the WyCo library district for 2020 and then a motion that spoke specifically to the amount that went to each library, Bonner, KCK and Turner. We would then be considering in April for the Turner Library budget be frozen. Jody Boeding said, we vote on the budget which is presented by the libraries, and they can

account for it in the budget and then we can adopt it as presented. Pat said, correct. We would have that amount frozen for their operating expenses for the next year, 2021.

Jim Jarsulic asked, what are we limited to? One thing Turner can use here are speakers. They are trying to expand the Senior Program. The seniors love to attend the Speakers Programs presented by the library. If we could funnel some money in that, it would help both, get more people coming and use some of our budget that way.

Aaron Froelich stated, we have a programing allotment, but I didn't know you could go over the allotment. We had a surplus in the budget that we could have brought over, but maybe next time. When I saw the overages, I thought we spent the line items allowed. We had \$3,000 for paper but we only spent \$200 for paper.

Micki Hill asked, would the 5% being withheld be dispersed to KCK or amongst all libraries that we help set the budget for? Pat said, KCK is all libraries and then Bonner, yes.

Judy Anderson asked, would Turner's \$398,173 affect the other libraries or would that just not be allocated? Pat said, that would be a determination we would make or it would be split among KCK libraries and Bonner. We contract with KCK libraries and Bonner. They present budget proposal and we decide what percent we're going to go with looking at the amount coming through the library tax. In March we will have something to look at and we'll continue the discussion in April.

LIBRARY UPDATES

Turner Library – Aaron Froelich

- **Provided copies to the group with end of year updates and statistics**
 - Helped Turner Recreation Commission w/Trunk or Treat
 - Day of the Dead was a great success; 66 attendees
 - Frozen Party with Olaf; 166 attendees
 - Radical Robots
 - Fall Festival with Blipey the Clown and a bon fire; 133 attendees
 - Monster Mash
 - Animal Wonders/Daytime Homeschooler Programs; 40 attendees
 - Murder Mystery Party
 - Humanities Kansas: Sharing Patterns, Sharing Lives Kansas Quilt Workshop
 - Spooktacular with band Sass Monkey and had a fire magician on the playground, a haunted house and crafts.
 - Holiday Party

KCK Library - Carol Levers

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 - **Halloween Tunk or Treat** - Main Library
 - **Storytelling Spooktacular** – West Wyandotte Library
 - **Scott Joplin Ragtime Concert** w/Michael Dolman – Main Library
 - **Snowflake Swing: Concert and Dance with the KC Jazz Orchestra** – West Wyandotte

Bonner Springs Library - Jack Granath

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Events

- **Hispanic Heritage Festival at the Farmer's Market** with El Payaso Carmelito, Trio Aztlan, and Los Bailadores de Kansas City
- **Mobile Mammogram Event** with Unified Government Department of Health and Diagnostic Imaging Centers in Johnson County, 29 patrons served
- **Fall Festival at the Farmers' Market and 7th Annual Boo Bash** at the library with 900 in attendance at the Boo Bash
- **Kansas City Storytelling Celebration** – the first time Bonner Springs participated
- **Shamisen Lecture-Demonstration** with John Lytton
- **In Their Own Words: The Ancient Egyptians** with Humanities Kansas scholar Stacy Davidson
- **Santa Claus Visit, Grinch Party, and Noon Year's Eve Party** w/balloon drop
- **Adult Winter Reading Program** – first time in Bonner Library

Adjournment

Pat Pettey adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 @ KCK Library South Branch