

WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING NOTES – August 22, 2023
FL Schlagle Library

I. Call to Order/Attendance

Erica Simpson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Location: FL Schlage Library, 4051 West Dr, Kansas City, KS 66109

In Attendance: Erica Simpson, Jody Boeding, Judy Anderson, Korri Hall, Joe Caiharr, Rocki Mayes, Jim Jarsulic, Micki Hill, Melanie Schwartzkopf and Gregory Todd.

Absent: Susan Martin (*arrived just after meeting ended. Mix-up with location*)

Support Advisors in Attendance: Carol Levers & Sam Moore of KCK Public Libraries, Jack Granath, Director of Bonner Springs City Library and Aaron Froelich of Turner Library, Branch Manager.

UG Support Staff in Attendance: Daniel Kuhn, UG Legal Department, Reginald Lindsey, Debbie Jonscher and Adrian Alemifar, Budget/Treasurer's Office, Lisa Rangel, UG Support & Liaison.

II. Introductions & Announcements

- Introducing new member, Melanie Swartzkopf of Edwardsville, appointed by Commissioner Davis and confirmed to the Library Board on August 17, 2023.
- Imagination Library Announcement-Dolly Parton visited Governor Kelly and the state of Kansas this past week and is expanding her [Imagination Library](#) services for children in all counties across the state. This program mails high quality books, every month, to participating children in pre-K and early childhood age ranges. Erica Simpson is attempting to arrange for possible guest speaker, Melanie Rooker, Executive Director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, to attend either the November or February meeting to share how the Wyandotte County Libraries might become affiliates to help facilitate this early literacy program for the children of Wyandotte County. More information to follow.
- Resignation-Erica Simpson, Chair, issued her resignation as Chairperson of the Wyandotte County Library Board. Mayor Tyrone Gardner has named his appointee, Joe Caiharr, to serve as the next Chairperson of the Board.

III. Notification Requirement

- A. Publication/Vendor Confirmation: Due to an error in print notification through the UG, the notice for the Wyandotte County Library Board was not submitted to the print version of the *Echo*. Ten days are required by state statute, for public notification and this publication only allowed for 5. It has been confirmed through the vendor and UG legal that resubmission can be confirmed for either a September 12 or 19 date to ensure compliance.
- B. Board Vote-Date Setting for Public Hearing on Revenue Neutral Rate: The Board voted unanimously to set the Budget Meeting/Public Hearing date for September 19, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
- C. Public Comment: Public comment was welcomed during this time however the two attendees were reminded that they would need to return to participate at the rescheduled hearing date on September 19.

IV. Business

Public Comment. Only one of the two attendees spoke. The question asked was regarding audits which do not fall under the purview of the Library Board, however it was shared that budget and line item information can be found in the USD #500 Board materials provided by the KCK Public Library and other budget information can be accessed via the UG website and contacts. The other attendee chose not to speak.

V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 pm by Korri Hall, seconded by Rocki Mayes and carried.

****Next meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N 82 St, Kansas City, KS 66112***