

**City of Tipton Municipal Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 27, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jeanne Edwards, president, called to order the regular meeting of the City of Tipton Municipal Library District Board of Trustees at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Price James Memorial Library, Tipton, Mo. The meeting was held a day earlier because Maundy Thursday fell on the regular meeting date.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: The following trustees were present: Jeanne Edwards, Reta Bestgen, Debbie Schreck, Karla Pettigrew, Georgianne Morgan, Kerry Uptergrove and Lori Bestgen. Trustees Emily Heard and Lianne Twyman were absent. Library Director Marsha Nelson and Anderson and Atwell Pettigrew were also present.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA:

Debbie Schreck made a motion to approve the agenda. Georgianne Morgan seconded and the motion carried.

V. APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Karla Pettigrew previously distributed the minutes of the Feb. 22, 2024, meeting via email. Kerry Uptergrove made a motion to approve the minutes, Reta Bestgen seconded and the motion carried.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lori Bestgen provided copies of the treasurer's report which included a review of the general ledger, balance sheet and the current operating budget. Kerry Uptergrove made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Georgianne Morgan seconded and the motion carried.

VII. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Marsha Nelson, library director, previously distributed the February circulation report via email and gave a general update with the following items.

Winter Bingo Reading Challenge: Marsha reported the lists were due Friday, March 22. There were four turned in.

Library Clerk: Jennifer Cary will be out of office on Friday, March 29, due to a doctor's appointment.

Solar Eclipse Program: Emily Gray, a NASA Partner Eclipse Ambassador, will present a five- to 10-minute program on March 25 from noon to 2:30 p.m., March 26 from 12:45-2:30 p.m. and April 3 from 1-3pm. All ages are welcome. She is also handing out solar viewing glasses.

Planting Flowers: Amanda Keene has asked if she can plant some flowers around the library with a school group. She will also maintain them. The Grow and Glow Garden Club will supply potting soil.

Leadership Moniteau County: Marsha attended Leadership Moniteau County March 21 at Tipton Correctional Center where the group toured and then went to Pivotal Real Estate for lunch and an afternoon session.

Absent from Duty: Marsha will be out of office several days next week to help her mother during and following surgery. Several people are volunteering to help library clerk Jennifer Cary during the time Marsha is absent.

Morgan County Extension: MU Extension will present a 6-week program at the library called Kids in the Kitchen. Marsha has reached out to teachers and has several classes planning to attend the program offered during school hours. It is a fun hands-on program that teaches kids how to prepare simple recipes and encourages them to be active and eat healthier meals and snacks.

Summer Reading Program: Work on the summer reading program is in progress. The program's theme is "Animals" and will be offered twice on Mondays.

VIII: FRIENDS OF PRICE JAMES LIBRARY: There was nothing to report from the group.

IX: PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: A date will be set at the April meeting for a yard cleanup. An arborist will treat the oak tree by the sidewalk for acorns. It is hoped the treatment will result in fewer acorns after an abundant crop last fall.

X: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Outdoor Sign Light: Gabe Knipp has the lights on the outside sign working. He donated his time to fix the sign. A thank-you note will be sent to him.

XI: NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report: Marsha Nelson and Jeanne Edwards will present the annual report for Price James Library at the Tipton City Council meeting Monday, April 8.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2024.

Minutes submitted by Karla Pettigrew

