

Minutes of the Hays Public Library (HPL) Board Meeting-Schmidt Gallery

August 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Mary Toepfer, Vice- Chair.

Present Board Members	Amy Feauto Emily Roth Brandon Hines, Director Patti Park	Shelley Bryant
Absent Board Members	Katherine Wolfe	Shaun Musil
Guests	Katie McCall	
Public Comment	None	
Presentations	a. Video, Discussion and Questions regarding Intellectual Freedom. HPL Board members and the HPL Director participated in a board training session on censorship, Freedom to Read, and the ALA Bill of Rights as they pertain to the HPL.	
Consent Agenda	After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Roth/Park) to accept the July 12, 2023 minutes, the July 2023 Bills and Financial Reports, and Department Reports and Statistics as presented. Motion passed unanimously.	
Director's Report	Included in packet	
Unfinished Business	a. Basement Remodel Update. Presented by Brandon Hines (discussion). The remodel committee has met and some basic needs/wants have been established. Further budgeting numbers and planning will come soon.	
New Business	a. Annual Board Training. Presented by Brandon Hines (action). After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Bryant/Roth) to acknowledge that a majority of the Board participated in a training session as required by CKLS. Motion passed unanimously.  b. Bronze Statue Gift. Presented by Brandon Hines (action). After discussion it was moved and seconded (Park/Feauto) to accept the gift from Oren and Pat Windholz to procure a bronze statue of Catherine	

the Great for the lobby, with the HPL Board having final approval.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Open Board Discussion: Brandon shared with the board that Gary Shorman presented a \$10000 check from the Schmidt Foundation to the library for programming in the Schmidt Commons. Brandon read a thank you from the Kansas DAR thanking the library for the use of their facilities during the DAR event. The Paisley Pear reached out to Brandon in appreciation for the many partnerships they share and bought staff lunch. Brandon advised that a new board member should hopefully be approved at the next city commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm by Mary Toepfer, Vice-Chair.

HPL Board Work Session will be Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 4 pm at the Hays Public Library Main Floor Gallery.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2023, at 4 pm at the Hays Public Library Main Floor Gallery.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Feauto, Secretary 8-17-2023.