

The Atchison County Library Board met on April 20th in Rock Port. Those present were President Janet Griffin, Jayne Martin, Lydia Hurst, visitor Mark Staten, and Jennifer Roup and Carol Clark.

Janet Griffin called the meeting to order. Lydia Hurst requested that the agenda be included in the board minutes that are mailed each month. Jennifer Roup agreed to include that going forward. Janet Griffin asked for a motion to accept the agenda, Lydia Hurst made the motion, Jayne Martin seconded. Motion carried.

The March minutes were read. Janet Griffin asked for a motion to accept the minutes, Jayne Martin made the motion, Lydia Hurst seconded. Motion carried.

Carol Clark presented the March Budget. Janet Griffin asked for a motion to accept the budget, Lydia Hurst made the motion, Jayne Martin seconded. Motion carried. Carol Clark presented the March expenses. Lydia Hurst noted that the cost for the Fairfax and Tarkio phone lines was higher than expected. Jennifer Roup will look into more cost-effective options. It was noted that Alert One has not been spraying Tarkio. Jennifer Roup will contact them and see if they have not been spraying and get that done. The board is evaluating the Tarkio Resource Center's rental policy. It will be changed to require a \$100 retainer, \$50 of which will be returned after the event to make sure the renters cleaned properly. If renters do not want to clean after their event, they can waive their \$50 return. It was agreed to continue T&T Cleaning Services on a quarterly basis, with special requests for cleaning after large events like Summer Reading and the 911 rental events. After evaluation, other cleaning expenses, the board elected to reduce the cleaning hours for the Rock Port branch from 11 hours to 5 hours.

The board elected Jayne Martin as the new board treasurer and Cathy Lien as the new Vice President, which was reviewed and accepted via the minutes from March. The board also made the decision to appoint Mark Staten as a new board member. Jennifer will send this information to Susette Taylor to give their recommendations to the County commission. Mark Staten was visiting as a possible board member. The board will vote on his election onto the board the following month.

Jennifer provided her director's report.

Summer reading planning has begun. Volunteers are lined up, the big event will be Dino Encounter on Tuesday. Shelby Hurst and Jennifer Roup are on track with getting everything organized. Advertising will begin May 1, 2026. Lydia Hurst asked Jennifer Roup to start providing a Director's report outline at the meetings, Jennifer Roup said that she would do that from now on.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 18th, 2026