Present: In person - Jessica Buhrman, Tammy Shoemaker, Cathy Gordon Via Zoom: None, Not Present: Lynn Allen, Connie Shippy, Gil Bunning, Nancy Martin, Crystal Willich

**Call to Order:** The meeting was not called to order due to lack of a quorum. No business was conducted but an informational meeting began at 5:22pm

**Agenda:** No formal agenda was used.

**Minutes:** February’s minutes were presented & reviewed. No acceptance was made as there is no quorum.

**Director's Report:** Directors Report given by Jessica Buhrman. Monthly statistics presented for February and January.

**Treasurer's Report / Budget Review:** Expense reports for February and those from January that were not presented last month.

**Correspondence:**  None

**Old Business:**

CONSTRUCTION –The work by DC solutions is complete. We now have to finish working on the painting, puttying, cement crack filling, organizing and preparations for re-opening. We have volunteers from the school and scouts coming to help. A facilities inspection was done with Gil, and Randy from the city to go over a long range facilities plan. So the City would have been aware of all the things we are in need of aid with for the facility prior to the meeting I attended.

Staff: Garriden put in his notice and his last day on the schedule is March 24th. Director has begun college classed to begin working to MLS, and APPLE begins this month as well.

CITY ISSUES – I attended the March 15th meeting. I presented all reports and their updated forms to the city and re-stated our case for request of aid for around the 4K we knew we would be short already by last year. This included our statistics, Library value calculator ($986K), community support efforts ($600K+). As I shared with all of you in an information update email they “deferred” payment as they felt we would just come back and ask for more. It was discussed to not give up and asking the City for the support we need, but to continue to go about it in a professional manner. It was mentioned to encourage them to raise the Library Levy percent as it has not been raised in years. Director expressed she had made that suggestion but the Mr. Edwards from the City felt it “shouldn’t raise taxes just because it could”. It was shared that based on our Library size and support we are in the low support range from across the state in approx. the bottom 5%. It was shared that Mr. Edwards suggested we cut hours at the desk by having the Director work them. Which would not cut costs but raise them because the Director is required to work 40hrs in their normal duties the hours at the desk would be additional. The board members shared that we are at the bare necessities and that no other budgets or areas can be cut, and we are in lacking for budgets that need to exist but there is no way to fund those items. Like our technology plan is two years behind where we are supposed to be for updates & replacement, we had to replace our wifi spot at $100 due to it no longer being supported. We don’t have maintenance men, office clerks, janitors and such… this is all done by the Director. We also have had unforeseen needs that have piled up over that last year or so like the construction requirements, heat & cool system failures, and building insurance going up $100 mth, KPERS raising and more.

TABLED POLICIES– These will have to wait again, but copies were made for board members.

WEBINARS – Reader zone training.

GRANTS – All Spark Fund items are in. Kansas Book Festival which is a technology grant. I have not heard either way.

**New Business:**

Items were donated as well as the items of surplus we already had and we will be taking those to the Mission Lake Flea Market for fundraising. Discussions were held about possible upcoming program ideas for opening week, National Library Week and Summer Programming, No Hunger Summer.

**Executive Session:** None held due to lack of quorum. Staff review and raise discussion will have to be held next meeting.

**Adjourn**:  The informational meeting was ended at 5:41pm. The next meeting will be held April 21st at 5:15pm, via zoom & in person.