

Rock Hill Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
EMERGENCY MEETING March 16, 2020

Attendees: Trustees, Marty Harris, Chantal Hoffsten, Laurie Murphy, Connie Schleeper, John Shoulberg, Stephanie Van Stee. Library Director Jennifer Conroy, Susan Hoch. Absent: Maud Jeanty, Ray Malon, Paul Turney. Meeting called to order: 6:19 p.m.

Board held an emergency meeting to discuss closing the library due to the COVID 19 virus.

Plumbing: Regarding the plumbing issue, Jen updated board members saying the general contractor, Lexicon Construction, would like to begin work ASAP possibly within 5 days. She said the job would take three weeks. The library will pack up books, etc. in the children's room which will be cordoned off with plastic from the rest of the library but it will be loud and dusty. If Lexicon uncovers unexpected problems work will cease until it receives the library's permission. Jen also recommended closing the library during construction.

COVID 19 Library Closure: Jen recommended the library close due to the virus. She said most libraries including St. Louis County are closing until April 3 but the libraries will re-evaluate at that time whether to continue the closures. She also said that some libraries, including the county library, are paying their staff for 30 days. She said at Rock Hill she and Susan can work from home, as well as some of the part-time staff.

Laurie made a motion, seconded by Stephanie, to give the library director approval to close the library as of the end of business day on March 16 through April 5 with the re-opening date to be re-evaluated at that time. The board approved.

John made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) RSMo to address personnel matters. A roll call vote was taken.

After the closed session, John moved, seconded by Laurie, that the board meet on Friday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. to review the library's closure. Motion passed.

Chantal moved to adjourn the meeting, John seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.