The February meeting of the Columbia Public Library was called to order by President Dan Brutton at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance included Dan Brutton, Chris Trowbridge, Rodney Schreckenberg, Diane Stechmesser, David Jackson, Kathleen Endraske, and Cindy Waldemer.

1. Approval of Minutes: Diane Stechmesser made a motion to approve minutes. David Jackson seconded. Motion passed.
2. Public Comment: No requests were made to address the Board.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Rodney Schreckenberg reviewed the report. Chris Trowbridge made a motion to approve the report. Diane Stechmesser seconded. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Current Bills: Rodney Schreckenberg made motion to approve the current bills. Cindy Waldemer seconded. Motion passed.
5. New Business:
Building Maintenance: Elevator passed inspection.

Christmas Bonus: City is stating that bonuses are not something that can be done through City funds and suggested that the Friends of the Library pay for bonuses. Crystal reported that after reviewing past pay vouchers, bonuses have not been received the past two years (2022 & 2021). Decision tabled until next meeting.

New Hire: Geri Mueth has been selected as the new Circulation Clerk.

FY 2024 Budget: Linda Sharp requested budget numbers by February 10. Annette will work with her on any needed changes and the Board can approve it at the March meeting.

Telescopes: Crystal ordered two telescopes from the St. Louis Astronomical Society.

Rotary Club: Annette assisted with the blood drive on February 7.

CROWN Meeting: Angela attended the CROWN meeting on February 8.

Friends of the Library: Group had a very successful book sale. Over $700 in books and other items sold. The group has also recruited several new members in the last nine months.

Republic Times: Crystal submitted an article to the newspaper about current events.

Turner Hall Fish Fry: Annette made arrangements to attend future events at Turner Hall to promote the library.

Take Your Child to the Library Event: 328 attended from 9:00 to 1:00. Balloon creations, facepainting, activities and take home crafts were offered.

Door Count: Staff completed attendance numbers during the week of January 23-30. Count was 819 library visitors. Researching the possibilities of purchasing a door counter.

Banners: Two new designs have been created to promote “Take Your Child to the Library” and getting a library card.

Policies & Procedures Policy Review: Board discussed the Policies & Procedures Policy. Chris Trowbridge made a motion to approve the Policy with minor changes. Kathleen Endraske seconded. Motion passed.

Patron Privacy Policy Review: Board decided to table until next meeting.

1. Adjournment: Chris Trowbridge made motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Stechmesser. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 14, 2023.