Holyoke Public Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 8, 2026

Location: Holyoke Public Library Board Room and Zoom

Present	Member	Corporate/City
X	George Mettey, President	Corporate
X	Manuel Frau-Ramos, VP	Corporate
X	Meghan Connolly, Treasurer	City
X	Brenna Levitin, Clerk	City
	Gabriela Alcántara Pöhls	Corporate
X	Jacksiel Colon-Rodriguez	Corporate
	Denise Duguay	Corporate
	Victor Machado	Corporate
X	Jeremy Smith	City
	Iohann Rashi Vega	Corporate
	Maggie Whitehead	City

Also present: Jason Lefebvre, Director

Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by George Mettey

PRESIDENT'S UPDATES: George Mettey

- George and Jason met with a donor last week

- George was contacted by the Mayor's office for the City's audit, they requested contact info for the Library's auditor
- George shared the info and requested the Auditor to contact George if the City contacts him
- Per the Mayor's office, the Library will be responsible for paying for the Library Auditor's bills for talking to the City's Auditor

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jason Lefebvre

- The Care Center with Valley Community Teaching Arts is exhibiting a student photography project "Listen to My Photographs II", it's currently mounted and an event will be later in September
- Jason met with Superintendent/former Board Member Jackie Glasheen about partnering with HPS for Summer Reading, and restarting field trips for 2nd grade
- Next year's HPL summer reading program will be the official Holyoke Summer Reading Program
- September is Library Month—working specifically on recruiting new people
- There's a giveaway for new library card applicants
- Sept --> Dec attendance incentive for staff
- Alarms replaced
- Kareima resigned in August so we were down both Computer Coordinators
- Jason worked with NAGE and Personnel to use the same candidate pool for both positions
- We had two offers accepted
- In conjunction with a larger Library Park renovation, looking into getting a digital monument sign
- Jason is working on a full proposal for the Library Park renovation
- The donor wants a commitment from the Board to pay for the digital sign, proposal is to use money from the house sale
- No update yet on the status of the house sale

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Meghan Connolley

- Meeting with banks next week

Brenna moved to adjourn. Manuel seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.