

MINUTES OF THE DAVIESS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING

January 17, 2018

Members Present: Michelle Drake  
Rodney Ellis  
Beena Vora  
Jim Kuhlman  
Susan Gesser (arrived at 5:12 pm)

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director  
Debbie Young, Accounts Manager  
Charlie Castlen, Fiscal Court Liaison  
Jacob Dick, Reporter – Messenger-Inquirer

The meeting was called to order by President Michelle Drake at 5:05 p.m.

Michelle Drake called for the approval of the minutes of the December meeting. Hearing no comments or corrections, Jim Kuhlman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rodney Ellis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. He went over the December, 2017 financial report including the receipts and expenditures for the month. Hearing no comments or corrections, Jim Kuhlman made a motion to approve the financial report and expenditures as presented. Michelle Drake seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ellis also reported that he was going to attend his first Library Foundation Meeting, but it was cancelled.

Erin Waller was asked to present the Director's Report. Mrs. Waller reported on programs being held in January and upcoming events. Mrs. Waller reported that the Library Story Time programs will soon be updated and changed to include some evening programs as well as some programs on Fridays and Saturdays. There will be themed Story Times for different ages and varied topics will be covered. The Library has also been live streaming the Story Time programs on FaceBook and has been getting good responses from that. In March, the Library will be partnering with the RiverPark Center to present Greg Sestero, the author of "The Disaster Artist". The program will be viewing the movie as well as a Question and Answer Session at the end. Mr. Sestero has been to Owensboro before with a good turnout. Mrs. Waller reported that the new E-Cards are ready to go as well as some of the Non-Traditional items are ready to start checking out, such as gym passes and Rokus. Mrs. Waller discussed Verbatim, the Library's creative journal which has 45 entries and 8 visual art pieces. The journal is being printed now and will sell for \$5.00.

Mrs. Waller reported on two bills that are being proposed at the upcoming Legislative Session. These bills would affect the Library. The first one states that if the Library chooses to go above the Compensating Rate in setting the annual Tax Rate, the Library would have to get Fiscal Court approval. The second bill states that all SPGE Boards would have to be elected during a general election, like School Boards. Mrs. Waller will email links to these bills for the Board to review in more detail. Also, the proposed budget by Governor Bevin would eliminate State Aid to Libraries. Mrs. Waller let the Board know that February 15 is Kentucky Library Legislative Day in Frankfort. She is going to try to attend this event if any other Board members would also like to attend. Mrs. Waller reported that the number of Regional Library Consultants has been cut from 8 to 4. The new Western Region consultant is Susan Dunman.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business with the first item being the Library Expansion Project Update. Erin Waller reported that she heard from John Hagan Codell today to schedule the Pre-Construction Meeting. There could be a possible delay and change order because the contractors did not understand that the shelving was bolted to the floor and would have to be unbolted to move and that there would all new flooring on the second floor. These items were not quoted in the original bids. Mrs. Waller met with HBM Design Group and they are working on plans and ideas for the layout of the new children's area. This should be completed by the middle of February.

There was no New Business.

There was no Public Comment.

There was no Closed Session.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

*Michelle Drake*