

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

August 19, 2020

Members Present: Michelle Drake
Rodney Ellis
Jim Kuhlman
Susan Gesser

Members Absent: Beena Vora

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager

The virtual WebEx meeting was called to order by President Michelle Drake at 5:03 p.m.

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

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. He went over the July, 2020 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. Susan Gesser seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis went over the options for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Tax Rate. He led a discussion and answered questions. Mr. Ellis proposed that the Library keep the same rates as the prior year over the compensating rate as it was adequate to meet the approved budget. Susan Gesser made a motion to keep the 2020/2021 tax rates at the same rates as the prior year rates, which is 6.3 cents per \$100 for Real Property, 7.57 cents per \$100 for Tangible Personal Property, Aircraft, Watercraft and Inventory and 4.0 cents per \$100 for Auto Tax. Rodney Ellis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The approved rates will be sent to the Daviess County Fiscal Court to be presented at the next Fiscal Court meeting.

Mrs. Waller presented the Director's Report and discussed the following:

- The Library is open regular hours. The Library has started some programming with registration required, mainly the Children's Story Time. It has been low attendance so far but those attending have given great reviews.
- The Library has received a \$10,000 grant from Kentucky Humanities. We are using the grant money to offset costs associated with COVID-19 expenses to get the programming started.

The Library is also expecting a \$1,000 grant from KDLA that will reimburse some of the COVID-19 expenses.

- The Library is looking for ways to assist families while they are doing virtual schooling.
- For the Library's Strategic Planning, we are narrowing down the areas to work on and setting up committees. If the Board would like to participate in any areas of the Strategic Planning, please contact Mrs. Waller.
- The Library has been made aware that Billy Bradshaw has contacted the Daviess County Clerk, County Attorney and KDLA asking how to dissolve the Library. There has been no contact from Mr. Bradshaw at the Library but apparently he was offended by the Library Board's Black Lives Matter statement. Mrs. Waller said she would keep the board updated on this matter.
- Michelle Drake reported that there was a GRADD humanitarian grant available to help businesses open and deal with COVID-19 precautions, such as extra maintenance staff or equipment to help with cleaning. Mrs. Drake said she would send information on the grant to Mrs. Waller.
- Rodney Ellis asked about the process to change the Board Meeting times. Erin Waller and Debbie Young said that the times were in the Library Bylaws but would check into this further.

Michelle Drake asked Debbie Young to poll the Board Members next month when emailing out the Board packets as to whether they would want to continue the virtual board meetings or go back to in-person board meetings.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

There was no Public Comment.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. It will be determined at a later date whether the meeting will be at the Library or a virtual meeting.

Michelle Drake

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