

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

November 18, 2020

Members Present: Michelle Drake
Rodney Ellis
Susan Gesser
Beena Vora

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Charlie Castlen, Fiscal Court Liaison

The virtual WebEx meeting was called to order by President Michelle Drake at 5:04 p.m.

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

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. He went over the October, 2020 financial report including the receipts and expenditures for the month. Hearing no comments or corrections, Susan Gesser made a motion to approve the financial report and expenditures as presented. Beena Vora seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Since Daviess County is in the COVID-19 Red Zone, there have been concerns from the community and staff regarding the Library being open and keeping staff safe. The Library is currently open 72 hours a week so in order to reduce the number of staff in the building at the same time, the open hours would need to be reduced. We are having limited programming with small groups and we are still doing virtual programs. The Board said a reduction in hours would be best and Mrs. Waller said she would work on this and let the Board know what would work best yet still provide library services to the public.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Strategic Agenda. Mrs. Waller said that the staff had been surveyed about the key focus areas. These results are being compiled now. She said she would also like to get the Board's ideas and will email the survey to the Board.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Board Member Nominations. Jim Kuhlman resigned from the Board and his board seat with the term ending September 21, 2021 is open. The Board discussed various people who could be interested in being on the Library Board. After discussion, Susan Gesser

nominated Harry Pedigo and Lauren Osowicz to fill the open board seat. Rodney Ellis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Debbie Young is related by marriage to Mrs. Osowicz and additional research will be done to ensure there is no conflict with this. Debbie Young will submit the two nominated names electronically to KDLA. KDLA will send the information to Judge Executive Mattingly at the Daviess County Fiscal Court to choose one of the two nominees.

Michelle Drake noted that the December Board meeting would be held virtually and asked Debbie Young to send out the WebEx meeting information to everyone.

Mrs. Drake called for Public Comment. Mr. Castlen commented that he thought it was a good idea to look into the issue of family relationships to Board members.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The December Board Meeting will be a virtual meeting held via WebEx. Meeting details will be provided to the Board Members and will be included on the Agenda for any members of the public who wish to attend the meeting.

Michelle Drake
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