

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

February 17, 2021

Members Present: Michelle Drake
Rodney Ellis
Susan Gesser
Beena Vora
Harry Pedigo

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Charlie Castlen, Fiscal Court Liaison
Nathan Havenner, Reporter – Messenger-Inquirer

The virtual WebEx meeting was called to order by President Michelle Drake at 5:00 p.m.

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

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. He went over the January, 2021 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:

- The Library is open with regular operating hours with some limited attendance in-house programming as well as virtual programming.
- The Library was closed for a few days due to the ice and snow.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Strategic Agenda. Mrs. Waller reviewed with the Board the detailed Staff Survey comments and asked for feedback. As a follow up, there has been a Programming survey sent out to the staff and the results of that are being compiled. The Board discussed the Staff Survey comments and noted that the communication and staff training were definitely areas that needed to be addressed. There will be additional discussion on the Strategic Plan at the next Board meeting.

There was no New Business.

Michelle Drake called for Public Comment. Mr. Castlen asked some questions about the Staff Survey and posed the question that if it was sent during COVID shutdown was there any follow up since then? Mrs. Waller responded that no follow up had been done but agreed that since it was an unsettling time for staff that should be considered.

Nathan Havenner introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Havenner is the new County/Police Reporter for the Messenger Inquirer newspaper.

Michelle Drake asked Debbie Young to poll the Board Members next month to determine as to whether they would want to continue the virtual Board Meetings or go back to in-person Board Meetings.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 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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