

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

October 20, 2021

Members Present: Michelle Drake
Susan Gesser
Beena Vora (virtual)
Harry Pedigo

Members Absent: Rodney Ellis

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Charlie Castlen, Fiscal Court Liaison
Nathan Havenner, 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 September meeting. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Susan Gesser made a motion to approve the September minutes as presented. Harry Pedigo seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Since Rodney Ellis was absent from the meeting, Debbie Young presented the Treasurer's Report. She went over the September, 2021 financial report including the receipts and expenditures for the month. Hearing no comments or corrections, Harry Pedigo made a motion to approve the financial report and expenditures as presented. Susan Gesser seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- The Library has been busy and patron count has been improving.
- The Library has been approved for the Emergency Connectivity Fund and we will receive \$40,489.50. We are in the process of purchasing (50) hotspots which will cost about \$25,000 plus service. We will also be purchasing Chromebooks and iPads. We should start receiving some of the items soon and have them available for a year to patrons who need this assistance.
- There is a new Bus Stop Bench installed on Frederica Street. The Library is getting our logo and advertisement on the bench and that is being printed and will be installed soon.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Parking Lot Expansion Project. Mrs. Waller said there was no news on the project. The contract with American Engineers has been signed. The project will probably gear up in March or April, 2022.

There was no New Business.

There was no Public Comment.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.

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