

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

January 19, 2022

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

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Charlie Castlen, Fiscal Court Liaison
Aaron Carrico
Stephanie Carrico
Kara Allen
Tim Allen
Melissa Hanvey
Julie Dunn
(2) Unnamed Guests

The meeting was called to order by President Michelle Drake at 5:01 p.m.

Michelle Drake called to move Public Comment to the top of the Agenda since we had several individuals attending the meeting who wished to address the Board. Ms. Drake told the members of the public they could address the Board. Speaking to the Board were Stephanie Carrico, Julie Dunn, Tim Allen and Aaron Carrico. These individuals were concerned over the displays in the Foyer which they believed displayed inappropriate content for children to see when they entered the Library. They wished to either have the inappropriate material (inappropriate covers or Rated R materials) removed from the displays or to have the displays moved to another area of the Library. They had created an online petition against the displays in the Foyer which had approximately 530 signatures. Ms. Drake asked Erin Waller to comment on the displays. Mrs. Waller noted that the displays held newly received/released materials. These displays were put in the Foyer in response to COVID-19 to provide a "grab and go" area for the patrons to quickly get materials, check out and leave the Library. These displays were very popular with the patrons and were constantly changing since items were checked out and other new materials were added to the displays. Mrs. Waller commented that the initial complaint about the displays was received on Friday and the Library staff needed time to determine what needed to be done. Mrs. Waller noted that she and the Collection Development Manager had already discussed moving the displays but that it could not be a quick solution since furniture needed to be moved. Mrs. Waller noted she would notify the complainant about what was done with the displays. Ms. Drake

thanked the public guests for attending the meeting and let them know they were welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting or could leave the meeting. The guests chose to leave the meeting.

Michelle Drake called for the approval of the minutes of the December meeting. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Harry Pedigo made a motion to approve the December minutes as presented. Rodney Ellis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. He went over the December 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:

- Mrs. Waller noted that in response to the complaint about the displays in the Foyer that she hoped to get a change made by the end of the week.
- The Library is still operating on regular hours and we are trying to keep everyone healthy.
- Mrs. Waller reported that on Saturday she was going to facilitate a meeting for Impact100.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Parking Lot Expansion Project. Mrs. Waller said she has been talking to Richard at American Engineers to tweak a few things on the plan. She hoped to be able to finalize the plans next month and then be able to go to bid in March.

There was no New Business.

Michelle Drake again called for Public Comment. Charlie Castlen discussed a few thoughts about the displays in the Foyer and hoped a resolution could be found.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michelle Drake". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".