

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

December 13, 2023

Members Present: Susan Gesser  
Kevin Dorth

Members Absent: Rodney Ellis  
Chris Gendek

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director  
Debbie Young, Business Manager  
Janie Marksberry, Fiscal Court Liaison  
Tim Smith  
Steve McFarland

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Gesser at 5:02 p.m. It was noted that there was not a quorum for the meeting, therefore, no official business could be conducted.

Approval of Minutes – Approval of minutes was tabled until the January meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – In the absence of Rodney Ellis, Debbie Young did a brief overview of the Financial Reports. Approval of the Treasurer’s Reports was tabled until the January meeting.

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

- The Limited Access letter has been mailed out and one person has signed up so far.
- The Library had a visit from staff at the Kingsport Tennessee Public Library. They were interested in our renovations to the Children's area and it was a nice visit.
- Mrs. Waller discussed the upcoming Strategic Planning for the Library. She had received a proposal from T.A. Dickel Group in Evansville, Indiana to assist with the strategic planning process. The last Strategic Plan was prepared in-house about three years ago. The proposal includes preparation, data collection and is all inclusive. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.
- Mrs. Waller discussed the need to have an attorney on retainer. Mrs. Waller indicated it could be helpful to have someone to call and get support for employment law and other issues that might arise. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

There was no Old Business.

New Business – Board Member Nominations. Everyone was encouraged to think about possible candidates for the open Board seat. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Susan Gesser called for Public Comment. Tim Smith discussed the need for more public meetings to discuss Owensboro and Daviess County issues. Janie Marksberry noted that it was her opinion that the Library should be a place to check out books, research and use resources and should not be a social club or to endorse one opinion over another.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Gesser", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.