

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

November 15, 2023

Members Present: Susan Gesser (virtual)  
Rodney Ellis  
Harry Pedigo (virtual)  
Kevin Dorth

Members Absent: Chris Gendek

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

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Rodney Ellis at 5:03 p.m.

Since there were guests at the meeting, Rodney Ellis announced that Public Comment would be moved to the first Agenda item. There were approximately (9) people attending the Board Meeting and (2) people addressed the Board, regarding the recent demands by the Daviess County Citizens for Decency to relocate books from the children and teen areas to the adult areas. The Guest Sign In Sheet with the names of the people who spoke to the Board is attached to these minutes. Mr. Ellis thanked everyone who attended the meeting and addressed the Board and stated that anyone could stay for the meeting or were free to leave the meeting.

Rodney Ellis called for the approval of the minutes of the October meeting. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Susan Gesser made a motion to approve the October minutes as presented. Kevin Dorth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ellis went over the October, 2023 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. Harry Pedigo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mrs. Waller reported that the new Front Door was finally installed and its working good.
- The Library held its annual Candy Caravan on October 31. This was the first time since COVID that we had the program where the kids come to the Library for a Halloween program and then

Trick or Treat in the Library where staff gives out small treats. There were (100) children attending and was a fun time for everyone.

- Mrs. Waller gave a “shout out” to the Friends of the Library. The Library needed to get a new Christmas Tree and Wreaths and the Friends of the Library agreed to pay for the new Christmas decorations.
- The Library is hosting a Handmade Crafts Fair on Saturday, December 2. The vendor list is full and there should be a lot of unique Christmas gifts at the Fair.
- December 1 is the start of Winter Reading and the theme this year is “Get Yeti to Read”. Winter Reading ends on January 31.
- The Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business

Rodney Ellis asked Janie Marksberry if she had anything for Public Comment. Ms. Marksberry asked about the location of the book “Let’s Talk About it” and if it was displayed in the Children’s Area. Ms. Waller responded that it was not located in the Children’s area. Ms. Marksberry asked about the age groups of materials at the Library. Ms. Waller said the ages are a Library industry accepted grouping with Children from birth to 12 years old and Young Adult/Teens from ages 13 to 18. Ms. Marksberry said that there were misconceptions on a lot of the issues and there was no intention to ban books and she hopes everyone does their due diligence and there should be conversations to bring everyone together.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Waller", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Daviess County Public Library  
 Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting  
 Guest Sign In Sheet

Date: November 15, 2023

Name

Do you Wish to  
 Speak to the Board?  
 Yes or No?

*Ronda Taylor*  
*Oliver W.*

NO

*yes maybe*  
~~NO~~

*Ryan Estrada*  
*Murphy W*

YES

NO

*Jing Xie*

No

*AP OCTC* *Jim Smith*

*ye*