

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

January 17, 2024

Members Present: Susan Gesser
Rodney Ellis
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 President Susan Gesser at 5:00 p.m.

Since there were guests at the meeting, Susan Gesser made a motion to move Public Comment to the first Agenda item. Rodney Ellis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. There were approximately (30) people attending the Board Meeting and (2) people addressed the Board. Jerry Chapman indicated that the Board should take the letter from the Daviess County Attorney very seriously. The letter indicated there was sexually explicit material in the library and that material should be relocated. Arnie Weiner spoke that he was against people telling him or anyone else what they could and could not read and believes that the parents should be involved in what their children are reading. Susan Gesser responded to Mr. Chapman and indicated the letter from the Daviess County Attorney was taken as Public Comment. The letter said it was sent because of a complaint by the Daviess County Citizens for Decency and was guidance only and was not intended as a threat of prosecution. Mrs. Gesser said that the Board will continue to follow the Library's policy, which allows for anyone who has an issue with library material to complete a Request for Reconsideration Form and the material would be reviewed by experienced librarians and decision made about the material in question. The Guest Sign In Sheet with the names of the people who attended and spoke to the Board is attached to these minutes (note: some guests did not sign in).

Mrs. Gesser indicated the business portion of the Board Meeting would begin and called for the approval of the minutes of the November and December meetings. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Rodney Ellis made a motion to approve the November minutes as presented. Kevin Dorth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Kevin Dorth made a motion to approve the December minutes as presented. Susan Gesser seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ellis indicated the Board Members had received both the November and December financial reports, including the receipts and expenditures for the month. He asked if anyone had questions, and hearing no comments or corrections, Susan Gesser made a motion to approve the November and December financial reports and expenditures as presented. Kevin Dorth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mrs. Waller reported that the new front windows were installed. This was to replace windows that were damaged.
- Winder Reading is going well, and she will have more information about the program next month.
- Savannah Warren-Lee, Manager of the Kentucky Room, had her baby – a healthy baby boy named Emmett Lee. Christina Clary, employee in the Kentucky Room, resigned to take a position in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Allen County Public Library. Their Genealogy Center is one of the largest in the nation and while we will miss Christina, we are proud of her and wish her well.
- The Library's statistical numbers are up for both November and December.

There was no Old Business.

Susan Gesser called for New Business – Board Member Nominations-Harry Pedigo Resignation (2 new nominations). There were four names submitted for the open board seat. The Board reviewed all the resumes and discussed the individuals. Rodney Ellis made a motion to nominate Carrie Fuqua Wilkerson and Sister Judith Nell Riney for the open board seat. Susan Gesser seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The two names will be submitted to the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives who will review and then send to Daviess County Judge Executive Charlie Castlen to choose the new board member.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.

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

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

Date: January 17, 2024

Name	Do you Wish to Speak to the Board? Yes or No?
Michele Ruxer	No
Jen Vogel	No
Mary Denhauer	No
KATHY ESTES	No
Sharon Tipmore	No
Larry Chapman	Yes
Elizabeth Behler	No
Kathy Walther	No
Mike Walther	No
LEE NICKOLS	No
Claudia Farnisch	No
Cheryl Brown	No
Diana Sila	No
Carolyn Davidson	No
Joshua Siegel	No
FRANK WEINER	YES
GAIL KAINSTEIN	No
Steve McFarling	No
Lisa Hemmen	No, thank you
James Redick	No
Nancy Green-Smith	No
Lindsay Thomas	No
Madeline Howell	No