

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

October 15, 2024

Members Present: Susan Gesser (arrived at 5:10 pm)  
Rodney Ellis  
Kevin Dorth  
Kathi Mattas  
Al Mattingly

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director  
Debbie Young, Business Manager

Treasurer Rodney Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm since President Susan Gesser was late arriving to the meeting.

Mr. Ellis called for the approval of the minutes of the September meeting. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Al Mattingly made a motion to approve the September minutes as presented. Kathi Mattas seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ellis went over the September financial reports, including the receipts and expenditures for the month. He asked if anyone had questions, and hearing no comments or corrections, Kevin Dorth made a motion to approve the September financial report and expenditures as presented. Al Mattingly seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- The Friends of the Library Book Sale is being held on October 19 and 20.
- The Technology Department is working on a refresh for the Library's website.
- Teen Career Week starts on November 21 with a College Fair and followed by teen career programs each day.
- On November 2 there is a Revolutionary War Era Living History Event from 11 am to 4 pm at Yellow Creek Park.

There was no Old Business.

Rodney Ellis called for New Business – Election of Board Officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer). After discussion, Al Mattingly nominated the following slate of officers:

President	Susan Montalvo-Gesser
Treasurer	Rodney Ellis
Secretary	Kathi Mattas

Kevin Dorth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis called for Public Comment. There were approximately (30) people attending the Board Meeting with five people indicating they would address the Board as well as several people indicating “maybe” they would address the board. Mr. Ellis indicated each person would have two minutes to speak and to give everyone privacy, they should show their ID to Erin Waller to prove they are Daviess County citizens.

Marilyn Ericksen thanked the Library for all they do for the community.

Sue Richards said she is a retired social worker and wondered how much longer the Library Board would continue to allow people to try to control what books are in the Library. These groups should respect the solutions already provided and stop trying to dictate to everyone. The Library provides open access to everyone.

Jonah Carpenter spoke of his religious beliefs and indicated there is a definite right and wrong. There are good books for certain age groups but not all books are for everyone.

Lindsey Thomas indicated she uses her Library card to check out books for her young children and she had a past experience where she checked out books from the Children’s section and one of the books was about a boy with a homosexual uncle who was mourning the death of his male partner. She felt this book had inappropriate content for children and suggested that such books have a sticker or label indicating the subject matter or that these books be shelved in a designated, specific area.

Will Thomas said he was ten years old and would like to see a large maker space room at the Library so he could work with CAD and a 3-D printer.

Kevin Whear spoke of his religious beliefs and indicated there should be repentance for sexual confusion and promiscuity. All sinners should repent and experience love. He asked for the Library to turn from corrupt books and choose life, love and uplifting books.

Kathy Estes said the Library should keep up the good work and noted the Public Library is not a church.

No one else indicated they wished to address the Board.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Public Lounge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. M. A.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.