

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

July 21, 2021

Members Present: Michelle Drake
Beena Vora (Virtual)
Harry Pedigo

Members Absent: Rodney Ellis
Susan Gesser

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Nathan Havenner, Reporter – Messenger-Inquirer

The meeting was called to order by President Michelle Drake at 5:04 p.m.

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

Since Rodney Ellis was absent from the meeting, Debbie Young presented the Treasurer's Report. She went over the June, 2021 financial report including the receipts and expenditures for the month. Hearing no comments or corrections, Beena Vora 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 Summer Reading is fairly busy and kids are coming in on a regular basis. We are hoping to do more Outreach when school starts.
- Christine Gish, Outreach Coordinator, will be retiring at the end of July and she will be greatly missed. Her job will be posted today.
- The Library is applying for the Emergency Connectivity Fund, which helps schools and libraries provide tool and services their communities need for remote learning during the COVID-19 emergency period. It will provide free internet service through June 30, 2022, for those who cannot afford it. Mrs. Waller said there will be a Managers' Meeting tomorrow to discuss this and how the funds would be best used.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Parking Lot Expansion Project. Mrs. Waller reported that she had met with American Engineers and RBS Architects to review the plans and come up with a less expensive plan since the first plan was coming in at over \$600,000. Mrs. Waller noted that "Plan B" was not using the entire empty lot (which would reduce the cost due to not needing the underground water

retention unit), leaving the existing lot as is and widening the entrance. The estimate for the revised plan is \$85,000 to \$110,000. This plan does not address the flow of traffic in the parking lot. After discussion about the need for more parking spaces versus the safety and flow of traffic, Mrs. Waller will see about making some changes to Plan B to add the parking lot changes that are in the original plan as well as adding the drive-up book drop.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Update-Board Member Nominations. Mrs. Waller reported that the Library had been notified by the Daviess County Fiscal Court that at the September 2, 2021 Fiscal Court meeting, the Court will consider for approval the reappointment of both Susan Gesser and Harry Pedigo to the Library Board.

Michelle Drake called for New Business – New Federal Holiday – Juneteenth – June 19. Mrs. Waller said that Juneteenth had been proclaimed to be a Federal Holiday on June 19 of each year. The Board discussed adding this to the Library's paid holidays for the staff. Harry Pedigo made a motion to add Juneteenth as a Library paid holiday. Beena Vora seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

There was no Public Comment.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Drake". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.