

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

October 18, 2023

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Susan Gesser at 4:01 p.m.

Since there were guests at the meeting, Susan Gesser announced that Public Comment would be moved to the first Agenda item. There were approximately (50) people attending the Board Meeting and (19) 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. Mrs. Gesser thanked everyone who attended the meeting and addressed the Board. Mrs. Gesser stated that at the last board meeting, the Board voted to create a new Limited Access Card and agreed to the name change of the teen section to the young adult section. Mrs. Gesser indicated that the Board supports Mrs. Waller's decision to not move materials. The Board has no plans to revisit any of these decisions. She stated that anyone could stay for the meeting or were free to leave the meeting.

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

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ellis noted that the Board Members had received the September financial reports in advance of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments on the reports. Hearing no comments or corrections, Susan Gesser made a motion to approve the financial report and expenditures as presented. Kevin Dorth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis discussed with the Board the June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Statements. The Board had been emailed the audited financial statements to save copying costs. Mr. Ellis noted that he, Michelle

Drake, Erin Waller and Debbie Young had met with the auditors on August 28 for the Audit Exit Conference and went over the report in detail. The auditors were at the Library for their fieldwork during the last week of July. The Library received a clean report with no deficiencies or weaknesses found during the audit. After discussion, Susan Gesser made a motion to accept/approve the June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Statements as presented. Kevin Dorth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mrs. Waller welcomed Kevin Dorth to the Library Board. Mr. Dorth has been involved with the Friends of the Library for about ten years and is knowledgeable about the Library.
- Mrs. Waller indicated that the new Front Door will finally be installed tomorrow.
- Mrs. Waller reported that she had been participating in the Leadership Institute and Harwood Institute doing surveys for the City of Owensboro for improvements to the City, similar to strategic planning for the City.
- Its time to start thinking about the Library's Strategic Plan and Mrs. Waller will look at some options for that, including using an outside vendor to assist in the Strategic Plan.
- The Library had a really good Fall Break and was very busy with patrons and programs.

There was no Old Business.

Susan Gesser called for New Business – Elect Library Board Officers – President/Secretary/Treasurer. Chris Gendek made the following motion for Library Board Officers:

President – Susan Gesser

Secretary – Harry Pedigo

Treasurer – Rodney Ellis

Rodney Ellis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Susan Gesser called for New Business – Change December Board Meeting Date. Mrs. Waller indicated that the original December Board Meeting Date was December 20 and since that was so close to the holidays she wanted to see if that could be changed. After discussion, Susan Gesser made a motion to move the December Board Meeting date from December 20 to December 13. Rodney Ellis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Susan Gesser asked Janie Marksberry if she had anything for Public Comment. Mrs. Marksberry asked about changing the name of the Teen Collection to Young Adult since teens are not really adults. Mrs. Waller indicated that Young Adult is a Library industry accepted term for that age group.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with the location to be determined later.

*Susan Gesser*  
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