

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

March 20, 2024

Members Present: Susan Gesser
Rodney Ellis
Chris Gendek
Kevin Dorth

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Janie Marksberry, Fiscal Court Liaison
Scott Hagerman, Reporter-Messenger-Inquirer
Josh Kelly, Reporter-Owensboro Times

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Gesser at 5:00 p.m.

There were approximately (16) people attending the Board Meeting but only a few had indicated they would address the Board. Susan Gesser noted that Public Comment would be held at the end of the meeting as indicated on the Agenda. Mrs. Gesser indicated the business portion of the Board Meeting would begin and called for the approval of the minutes of the February meeting. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Rodney Ellis made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented. Chris Gendek seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ellis indicated the Board Members had received the February 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 February financial report and expenditures as presented. Chris Gendek seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Amendment. The Board Members had received the proposed Budget Amendment prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Ellis went over the proposed Budget Amendment and answered questions. After discussion, Chis Gendek made a motion to accept the Budget Amendment as presented. Susan Gesser seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- The KPLA Conference is underway at the Convention Center and Mrs. Waller reminded the Board that the Library would be closed on Thursday, March 21 so that the library staff could

attend the conference. The Library has quite a few staff not only attending the conference but also presenting on various library topics.

- Mrs. Waller indicated she had received a letter from KDLA that they submitted the names of Elizabeth Ewing and Teudis Perez to Daviess County Fiscal Court Judge Executive Castlen to fill the open Board seat.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Susan Gesser called for Public Comment. 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 reminded everyone that spoke at the Board Meeting, that this was only Public Comment and they were not to address specific comments or questions to anyone in the meeting.

Thomas Shively said that he comes to the Library three to four times a week and wanted to know why some specific magazines, newspapers and publications were no longer available at the Library. The specific ones he was interested in were Forbes, USA Today, Investors Business Daily and Barrons. Mrs. Waller asked Mr. Shively to leave his phone number and we would call him back to let him know about these items.

Arnie Weiner said that he has been using libraries for a very long time and he was never denied or had access limited to any library resources. He hoped that full access would continue and the Library would provide access to any book and resources. Mr. Weiner stated that no group should prevent the Library from continuing their good work and that the Daviess County Public Library was a great resource for the community.

Janie Marksberry thanked the Library for the collaboration with the Daviess County Detention Center to provide books to the inmates. Mrs. Marksberry noted she was curious how statistics were gathered for the number of books checked out and number of patrons visits. Mrs. Waller responded that our checkout program provides the number of materials that are checked out and there is a counter on the security gates that gives us the number of patrons. Mrs. Marksberry asked how programming was determined and if there was a committee that met each month. Mrs. Waller replied that there are meetings to set programming for the coming months that involve programming staff and management.

Mrs. Gesser noted that she had attended the Tibetan Buddhist Monk program at the Library and its was a great program.

Having no further business to come before the Board, Susan Gesser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rodney Ellis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 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, April 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.



