

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

April 17, 2024

Members Present: Susan Gesser
Rodney Ellis
Chris Gendek

Members Absent: Kevin Dorth

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Kathi Mattas
Scott Hagerman, Reporter-Messenger-Inquirer

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Gesser at 5:05 p.m.

There were approximately (16) people attending the Board Meeting but only one person 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 March meeting. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Rodney Ellis made a motion to approve the March 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 March 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 March financial report and expenditures as presented. Chris Gendek seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- A new Board member was just appointed in the Special Called Fiscal Court Meeting this afternoon. The new Board member is Kathi Mattas. Ms. Mattas was in attendance at the Board Meeting, so Mrs. Waller introduced her, and Ms. Mattas said everything had proceeded very quickly but she was happy to serve on the Board and looked forward to getting acquainted with the meetings and the Board members.
- Silas House, Kentucky Poet Laureate, and national bestselling author will be speaking at the May Rooster Booster. The Library has purchased a quantity of his book to take to Rooster Booster to give away and he will hopefully sign the books for people attending.

- The quarterly Foundation meeting was Tuesday and the Foundation Board approved a distribution of \$10,000 to the Library to purchase adult books for the Daviess County Detention Center.
- The Friends of the Library Book Sale started this past weekend and is going on until Friday.
- To celebrate National Library Week, our Marketing Team created videos of community members discussing their experiences with the Library which were shared on social media.
- The Library participated in the Grab-A-Bag Job Fair in partnership with GRADD and the Career Center and we gave away about 225 bags in about two and a half hours.

There was no Old Business.

Susan Gesser called for New Business – June, 2024 Board Meeting Reschedule. Erin Waller noted that the June Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 which was the Juneteenth Holiday and the Library would be closed that day. After discussion, Chris Gendek made a motion to move the June Board Meeting to Wednesday, June 12. Susan Gesser seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Susan Gesser called for Public Comment. Arnie Weiner said that he has been using library services for 70 years. He said that early 20th century libraries had evolved to the advanced libraries we now have and that was due to the work done by licensed and trained staff and leaders of the library, including the Library Director. He encouraged everyone to use the Library.

Having no further business to come before the Board, Rodney Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Gendek seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.

