

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

January 15, 2025

Members Present: Susan Gesser, President
Rodney Ellis, Treasurer
Kathi Mattas, Secretary
Kevin Dorth
Al Mattingly

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

This meeting was called to order by President Susan Gesser at 5:03 p.m.

Mrs. Gesser called for the approval of the December meeting's minutes. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Al Mattingly made the motion to approve the December minutes as presented. Rodney Ellis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report, going over December's financial reports, including receipts and expenditures. With no questions, comments, or corrections, Kevin Dorth made the motion to approve the December Treasurer's Report as presented. Kathi Mattas seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Waller presented the Director's Report, which included:

1. The KDLA Conference would be held in Lexington Feb. 20 – 22, with staff members Sarah Jacobs and Sarah Howard attending. Sarah Howard will be presenting on Homeschool Programming.
2. An offer was made to create library email addresses for any board members. Kathi Mattas was the only board member interested.
3. The Leadership Institute, Jan. 16 from 5:00-7:00 pm, includes a board training session offered at KWC.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Mrs. Gesser called for Public Comment.

There were about 20 people in attendance with four signed up to speak to the Board, plus one "maybe."

James Kamuf said that the "Auto CAD" book had come in, but was under "automotive" and should be in the computer section. He also said that he had a good conversation with Ryan Henry regarding

suggestions for purchase, will probably be requesting more technical books, and hopes to see 3-D printers added to the library.

Robin Scott expressed appreciation for the library, then addressed concerns about the book Kisses for Jet, found on a display outside the YA section at a young child's eye level. The book contains illustrations of a minor female's genitals and of another character engaging in self-harm. She described the book to be no good value and showed the board members pages with the close-up illustration of a teen girl's exposed genitals as she was urinating.

Kevin Whear spoke as a father and grandfather of the need to teach and model goodness, as well as portray godly morality, to children as they grow, as has been our country's history. He encouraged the library to not promote immorality.

Trey Matthews expressed appreciation for the library and many programs offered, and he discussed concerns about books in the children's department containing images that portray adult nudity, gender butchery, and gender dysmorphia. He showed color printouts with examples of such illustrations from The Bare Naked Book and Bodies Are Cool books from the children's department.

With no further public comment, at 5:22 President Gesser dismissed the public for a Closed Session. Rodney Ellis made the motion, and Kathi Mattas seconded. David Douglas of H.R. led the discussion of an employee situation.

Upon the finish of Closed Session, the room was opened back up to the public, and President Gesser announced that there was "no action taken."

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Public Lounge.

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