

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: August 13, 2018 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Clay Dean, Justin Grady, Greg Ray, Candy Rankin, Laura Glenn, Teresa Righter, Phyllis Karpus, Chris Pilson.

Board member Absent: Jen Bullock

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Wenche Nonaas

Others Present: Chris Suerdieck

Consent Agenda: Motion by Karpus, Second by Glenn to approve Consent agenda, which consists of bills, treasurer's report, circulation report, minutes from July 2018. Motion Carried.

Presentation: Chris Suerdieck, a volunteer local history room archivist, discussed with the board ongoing projects and growth in usage of the local history room. The room collects and compiles information on people, places, events and things, and produces reports like the history of automobile dealerships and grocery stores/service stations/local restaurants.

Director's Report: Written report summarizing July operations submitted in advance. July programming included Harry Potter birthday party, Douglas-Hart presentation, YMCA day campers. The book sale is Sept. 29. Plans are to launch an in-library used book shelf in the next few weeks. Focus for the fall includes launch of collaborations with schools; review and update marketing initiatives and work on fall/winter fundraiser.

Committee Reports: Rankin reported on the Collections Committee meeting, which encouraged more attention on ebooks/digital options and promotion while maintaining current initiatives. Karpus reported that the fundraising committee met just before the board meeting to discuss the Nov. 8 event.

New Business: Dean requested information regarding the status of director and officers insurance. Grady asked about exterior lighting. Grady reported the library may be in line to receive TIF funding to help pay for tuckpointing/power washing the building.

Adjournment: Motion by Rankin at 6 p.m., second by Righter. Motion approved.

