

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: June 14, 2021 @ 5:15 PM, Conference Room, Elevate

Board Members Present: Teresa Righter, Candy Rankin, Phyllis Karpus, Laura Glenn, Chris Pilson, Greg Ray, Chris Pilson

Board members Absent: Jen Bullock, Clay Dean

Staff Present: Carl Walworth

Others Present: Justin Grady, Connie Grady, Carlos Ortega

Consent Agenda: Motion by Glenn, Second by Ray to approve Consent agenda, which consists of bills, treasurer's report, circulation report, minutes from May 2021 regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Tour of Elevate Center: Carlos Ortega, executive director of the Elevate Center, gave a tour of the facility, described its purpose and outlined goals that include business development.

Recognition of Justin Grady: Grady recently resigned from the library board. President Righter presented Grady a plaque recognizing his years of service, including two as board president.

Action Items: Motion by Ray, second by Karpus to authorized Director Walworth to complete and submit the annual Illinois Public Library Annual Report by the June 30 deadline. Motion carried.

Motion by Pilson, second by Ray to approve board offices for 2021-22: President Teresa Righter; Vice President Candy Rankin; Treasurer Phyllis Karpus; Secretary Laura Glenn. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: There was discussion about process to select a recommendation for Mayor Hall to consider appointing to the Library board. Consensus was for each member to submit 2 names for consideration to be discussed at the July meeting.

Director Walworth said he understands the city's credit limit would accommodate any major project that has currently been discussed. Bonding would be a financing option.

Program Report: Summer read, book buggy, chess, art contest, YMCA daycampers, Movies in the Park, Douglas-Hart are all programs that make the library vibrant.

Our Cycle Through History bike ride is set for June 26. An agreement with EIU Booth Library is helping pay for adult programming.

Director's Report: Bricks for the courtyard have been engraved at Adams Memorials. Les likely will install in June. Literacy program is going well. We are recruiting help for next year. Director Dean has agreed to set up conversation with Amanda Lessley of Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation to discuss options for how we use our fund.

Adjournment: Motion by Karpus, second by Rankin to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting is July 12.