

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: September 13, 2021 @ 5:15 PM, Community Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Teresa Righter, Laura Glenn, Greg Ray, Clay Dean, Laura Huddleston

Board members Absent: Phyllis Karpus, Chris Pilson, Jen Bullock, Candy Rankin

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Beth Pugh

Others Present: Mary Ashley Dotson

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

Introductions: Mary Ashley Dotson, who recently was promoted to full time employee status, and Laura Huddleston, recently appointed to the Library Board to fill the balance of the term of Justin Grady, were introduced and spoke about their background.

Action Items: Motion by Dean, second by Ray to authorize purchase of air handlers for \$7450 each to replace a unit with leaking discharge pan and the unit above Local History. Motion included purchase of a boiler for \$8,825 to replace boiler that become inoperable last winter. Motion carried.

Motion by Ray, second by Dean to approve payment of \$6,010 to Industrial Services, acknowledging receipt of warranty to complete roof replacement project. Motion carried.

Dicussion: Director Walworth discussed a possible way forward to initiate a process to update/refresh library strategy using facilitator Jeanne Dau. Huddleston offered to join the planning process.

There was discussion about how to handle fundraising this year. Walworth to develop wish list for annual campaign.

Program report: Story Time is doing well, inside the building and outside at Lytle Park. After school STEAM sessions start in September. Book sale set for October 15-16.

Director's Report: We are hosting a COVID vaccine clinic Sept. 20. We submitted 2 tech-related grant applications. Manhattan Shorts run through Oct. 3.

Adjournment: Motion by Ray, second by Dean to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting is October 11.