

## **MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES: April 10, 2021 @ 5:15 PM**, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

**Board Members Present:** Phyllis Karpus, Candy Rankin, Laura Huddleston, Teresa Righter, Greg Ray, Laura Glenn

**Board Members Absent:** Clay Dean, Harold Pettigrew, Chris Pilson

**Staff Present:** Beth Pugh, Mary Ashley Dotson

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Ray, second by Huddleston, to approve consent agenda, which consists of March meeting minutes, vendor report, treasurer's report and circulation report. Motion carried.

**Boiler Approval:** Motion by Karpus, second by Huddleston, to approve the proposal from Commercial Refrigeration for \$10,500 to replace the fourth and final boiler. Motion carried.

**Solar proposal:** Discussion on a proposal from Commercial Electric to place solar panels on the roof was tabled until the May meeting in Director Walworth's absence.

**Director's Report:** Deputy Director Pugh reported on the purchase of a new fruit stand for the Children's floor as well as the addition of new age-appropriate games and wooden puzzles. She added that staff plans to purchase a wire cart, new bistro chairs for the break room and more Nintendo games/equipment for the library's summer game day program. The board heard that Keith Summers has purchased a frame to display the famous lone elm print and it will be placed next to the fireplace. The board also heard that Decker Cleaning Service will likely be hired to replace the previous cleaning service, the leaky fountain has been removed from the local history center and a cabinet has been built to place in its spot and two new water fountains will soon be installed on the second floor. In addition, the board heard that circulation increased nearly 20 percent year over year in March and that Dean Barber will prepare a bid for the window project this summer.

**Program Report:** Deputy Director Pugh reported that local history curator Suerdieck has scheduled his third Cycle into History for June 24. Melissa Harden will lead photography classes for teens beginning April 18. Yoga classes are underway in the Community Room the first Saturday of every month. Story time in the park will start within the next few weeks. A new book club will meet to discuss the book Verity by Colleen Hoover April 27 in the reading room. The library plans to show the movie Something the Lord Made on May 11, which will be followed by a discussion. Pugh also announced that Lance Chaney, high school student and library staff member, has been selected as a 20 under 40 recipient for leading the implementation of the writing sessions.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Karpus, second by Ray, to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried.