

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: September 11, 2023 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Teresa Righter, Phyllis Karpus, Harold Pettigrew, Laura Huddleston, Greg Ray

Board Member Absent: Chris Pilson, Clay Dean, Karin Edwards, Laura Glenn

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Mary Ashley Dotson, Denise Porter

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

Staff Report: Denise Porter reported on the launch of our weekly homeschool connection program, on Letters About Literature and bi-weekly story time.

Program report: Homework Hub and family literacy are off to good starts. The family strategies fall class is full. Several upcoming events, including Manhattan Short on Sept. 28 and Oct. 8, Sean Gaskell on the West African Kora on Oct. 3 and the downtown historical walk on Oct. 14.

Director's Report: The board discussed possible date for the annual fundraiser. The board set meetings for Sept. 20 and 27 to work on policy updates. Walworth reported that Mary Ashley Dotson will be attending the ARSL (Association of Rural and Small libraries) conference. The board received by email the annual treasurer's report.

Adjournment: Motion by Karpus, second by Huddleston, to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.