

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: October 9, 2023 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Phyllis Karpus, Harold Pettigrew, Laura Huddleston, Greg Ray, Chris Pilson, Karin Edwards, Laura Glenn, Clay Dean (electronically).

Board Member Absent: Teresa Righter

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Beth Pugh

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

Action Item: Motion by Ray, second by Pettigrew to approve policies on circulation, patron conduct, library gifts, copyright and materials selection with edits. Policy on Internet use was tabled. Motion carried. Director Walworth said the policy committee will next meet on November 1 at 2 p.m.

Program report: Deputy Director Pugh reported on the first grade visit to the library including distribution of library cards, second floor programming including the addition of a story time for developmentally disabled adults and adult programming including the recent Sean Gaskell concert and the Manhattan Short films.

Director's Report: Walworth distributed tickets for board members to sell for the November 30 fundraiser. There was a (false) fire alarm on a Friday night. Electricity usage is down more than 10 percent since installation of LED lights. The book sale is October 21. The new boiler should be installed by the end of this week. Circulation numbers increased nearly 10 percent on a year over year basis.

Adjournment: Motion by Karpus, second by Pilson, to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried.