

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES, January 8, 2024 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Clay Dean, Laura Glenn, Greg Ray, Teresa Righter, Karin Edwards, Harold Pettigrew.

Board Members Absent: Laura Huddleston, Phyllis Karpus, Chris Pilson

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Beth Pugh, Mary Ashley Dotson

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

Action Items: Motion by Dean, second by Glenn to approve spending up to \$6,000 on a direct mail piece highlighting Aspen Discovery and library savings. Motion carried.

Motion by Dean, second by Ray to authorize spending up to \$10,000 on furnishings and equipment for the second floor program room upgrade. Motion carried.

Program Report: Highlights include the new play kitchen on the second floor, which is a hit, summer reading preparation and early momentum in 2024 in multiple areas, including Story Time, tutoring and family literacy.

Director's Report: There was discussion around the fundraiser, past and future, an update on winter building projects and a report that IHLS data shows patrons saved \$1.55 million in 2023 by using the library.

Adjournment: Motion by Glenn, second by Pettigrew to adjourn at 6 p.m. Motion carried.