

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: May 13, 2024 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

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

Board Member Absent: Chris Pilson

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

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

Introduction: Sarah Housh, a new part time employee, was introduced to the board.

Nonresident fee and Cards for Kids: Motion by Dean, second by Karpus to re-authorize a nonresident fee of \$80 per family per year for those who reside outside the Mattoon city limit. The board agreed to continue to offer no-cost library cards to school age children and young adults in the Mattoon school district as authorized in the Cards for Kids legislation.

Program Report: Deputy Director Pugh reported on preparations for Summer Read. She also provided an overview of the Whofi calendar program being implemented, which offers reporting on building usage and program attendance, along with other features.

Director's Report: The library is offering 2 adult summer programs taught by the Lake Land library, one on AI the other on evaluating media. Newsbank is a new digital offering that allows in-library and remote digital access to hundreds of publications, including the local newspaper. Chris Suerdieck has given several presentations on the Local History Center. The Friends group is hosting an open house on June 12. Chris plans to utilize wall space in the lower basement for displays relating to the railroad and Mattoon.

Adjournment: Motion by Karpus, second by Huddleston, to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Motion carried.