

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: August 12, 2024 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Phyllis Karpus, Laura Huddleston, Karin Edwards, Teresa Righter, Laura Glenn

Board Members Absent: Harold Pettigrew, Jacob Kimery, Greg Ray, Clay Dean

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Mary Ashley Dotson

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

Discussion item: The board discussed a request to consider assistance for a staff member attending graduate school. The matter was referred to the Policy Committee, with Director Walworth to compile examples of what other libraries do.

Action Items: Motion by Karpus, second by Huddleston to approve \$2962.14 invoice to Demco for program room furniture. Motion carried.
Motion by Karpus, second by Huddleston to retroactively approve \$12,800 purchase of 70 glass plate negatives of the Mattoon Subway project for the local history center, to be paid with donated funds. Motion carried.

Program Report: Summer Read program numbers and monthly program usage was shared with the board.

Director's Report: Director Walworth shared a proposed priority list for the next year. The Secretary of State driver's service facility will use the Community Room for 2 weeks during remodeling of its facility in late September/early October. Research on the subway may require a trip to Chicago, where the Illinois Central has its archives. A meeting with Lake Land College adult education staff led to scheduling a trial of story time in Spanish in September and October. Beth Pugh is reducing hours with start of school. A new statewide program offers free access to many databases, with local libraries to promote. There was discussion about the annual campaign and fundraiser. The Friends group dinner/discussion is set for Sept. 10.

Adjournment: Motion by Huddleston, second by Edwards, to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried.