

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: November 11, 2024 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Phyllis Karpus, Laura Huddleston, Jacob Kimery, Teresa Righter, Laura Glenn

Board Members Absent: Harold Pettigrew, Karin Edwards, Greg Ray, Clay Dean

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

Consent Agenda: Motion by Karpus, second by Huddleston, to approve consent agenda, which consists of October meeting minutes, vendor report, treasurer's report and circulation report. The payment of bills includes the annual \$5000 principal payment on a loan to Washington Savings Bank. Motion carried.

Action item: Motion by Huddleston, second by Glenn to approve collaboration with Lake Land College to offer an ESL class at the library that includes childcare. Lake Land will provide ESL instructor and materials, library will offer children's programming. Motion carried.

Programming: Deputy Director Pugh reported on upcoming Celebrate Downtown event (the library will host Santa and Mrs. Claus), Beanstack reading challenge, Family Reading night including guest reader Trustee Karpus.

Director's Report: Director Walworth reported on recent publicity on the history center, including WEIU program, publishing Chris Suerdieck Civil War talk taped by the LIFT building staff to the library Youtube page and an upcoming article in state historical society publication. The library plans to charge \$1 per fax for public use of fax line. Walworth reported Deputy Director Pugh plans to leave her position in January. There was discussion around the search process.

New business: President Righter said she plans to stay on the board but not be reappointed as president when her term as an officer ends in June.

Adjournment: Motion by Huddleston, second by Kimery, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried.