

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: April 14, 2025 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Phyllis Karpus, Laura Huddleston, Laura Glenn, Karin Edwards, Greg Ray, Harold Pettigrew

Board Member Absent: Teresa Righter, Clay Dean, Jacob Kimery

Staff Present: Carl Walworth (via Zoom), Mary Ashley Dotson

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

Program report: Walworth reported in de Buhr's absence that new staff members are off to a great start. They will attend the May board meeting. Schedules for the summer reading program and Movies in the Park have been finalized and flyers are being distributed. There's a Harry Potter Birthday Party coming up and Dotson is hosting a couple Digital Demos for individuals who want more information and assistance accessing digital content. Board member Pettigrew reported on a cultural event that is being developed to bring people together around food. The library plans to host the event from 5 to 7 pm Friday, September 12. The library is also partnering with the YMCA to offer programming during summer day camp.

Director's Report: Walworth reported that the HVAC pump the board approved to replace has been completed at a cost of \$8902. However, a sewer system pump has gone bad and a new one has been ordered. From a financial standpoint, the library is expected to end the year in the black. He also updated the board on the status of the elevator inspection and repairs. The library is currently working with city hall to resolve the issue.

Adjournment: Motion by Ray, second by Edwards to adjourn at 5:32 p.m.

Next meeting May 12, 2025