

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: February 10, 2025 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Phyllis Karpus, Laura Huddleston, Jacob Kimery, Teresa Righter, Laura Glenn, Karin Edwards, Clay Dean, Greg Ray

Board Member Absent: Harold Pettigrew

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr, Mary Ashley Dotson

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

Introduction of Abby de Buhr: Abby started as Community Engagement Director the week before the meeting.

Program Report: Walworth and de Buhr reported on recent programs and looked ahead noting plans are underway for Summer Read, Movies in the Park, and an A.S.K. series to be started by a Q & A on AI.

Director's Report: In discussion on budget development, board members asked to move more money to accounts paying more interest. Bringing back a money market account was one option favorably discussed, as was adding more money to the certificate of deposit. Walworth noted the library and history center were covered in a recent Issues and Attitudes program on WEIU. Righter and Walworth updated the board on the Friends of the Library annual meeting. Consistent digital growth, the Family Literacy grant application and board membership were also discussed.

Adjournment: Karpus moves to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ray. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Next meeting date: March 10, 2025