

## MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**MINUTES: September 8, 2025 @ 5:15 PM,** Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

**Board Members Present:** Phyllis Karpus, Teresa Righter, Laura Huddleston, Jamie Golladay, Greg Ray, Harold Pettigrew,

**Board Members Absent:** Christina Krost, Jacob Kimery, Karin Edwards

**Staff Present:** Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr, Katie Walk, Alyssa Copelin

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Righter, second by Pettigrew, to approve consent agenda, which consists of August meeting minutes, vendor report, treasurer's report and circulation report. Motion carried.

**Introductions:** Family Literacy Director Katie Walk and new staff member Alyssa Copelin were introduced to the board.

**Action Items:** Motion by Ray, second by Golladay to approve agreement with Earthrise Energy for a \$100,000 donation to the library. Motion carried. Karpus abstained.

Motion by Karpus, second by Righter to approve agreement with Imagine This for web site development, redesign and hosting. Motion carried.

**Program report:** de Buhr talked about the transition to fall programming, the upcoming Women of Letters programs and provided updates on other regular library programming.

**Directors report:** Walworth discussed with the board the RFQ process to find a firm to work with the library through upcoming building issues. There were no objections to proceeding with an RFQ. There was discussion about the November fundraiser, the upcoming publication of the Big Dig book and progress by Detection Security on our elevator. Walworth praised Collections Coordinator Bridges for his leadership on a weeding project that is enhancing our collection. The volume of weeded books led to popup book sales that are going well.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Righter, second by Karpus to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

**Next meeting:** October 13, 2025