

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Board Members Present: Teresa Righter, Laura Huddleston, Jamie Golladay, Karin Edwards, Jacob Kimery, Harold Pettigrew, Greg Ray, Phyllis Karpus

Board Member Absent: Christina Krost

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr

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

Discussion item: Several firms responded to the RFQ inviting engineers/architects to submit for board consideration. Several trustees indicated they would participate in the review of the materials, to be emailed by the library director.

Action Items: None.

Program report: Community Engagement Director de Buhr reported the newsletter will go out this week. New staff are to receive in-person training on Polaris system. Volunteer Vaughn Prince is doing well with inventory on second floor and Josh Flood on the first floor. Among the programs were write space, trunk or treat, Library crawl and a book signing at the winery by a former resident.

Director's report: Walworth reported more than \$7K is booked so far for the upcoming fundraiser and from the annual appeal. The library is to receive a \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Foundation in January. Walworth distributed first month numbers on sales of the Big Dig. The library is switching to Ingram for a book supplier. Cheryl Body has agreed to return as Family Literacy Director. The library received an estate gift of \$114,318.43. Health insurance premiums will go up substantially in May.

Adjournment: Motion by Righter, second by Golladay to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Motion carried.