

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: August 10, 2026@ 5:30 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Teresa Righter, Laura Huddleston, Harold Pettigrew, Christina Krost, Greg Ray, Jacob Kimery, Phyllis Karpus, Lorraine Malmborg

Board Member Absent: Jamie Golladay

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr

Others Present: None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Righter, second by Krost, to approve consent agenda, which consists of July meeting minutes, vendor report, treasurer's report and circulation report. Treasurer's report includes annual IHLS dues and 2 invoices from Imagine This (one library, one history center) on website development. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Director Walworth updated the board, and the board discussed developments related to the Farnsworth Group building assessment. Updates included a meeting with representatives of the USDA and Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative; a meeting with the city of Mattoon TIF committee; a library staff meeting and conversation with the Secretary of State's construction grant representative.

Action item:

1. Motion by Karpus, second by Ray to authorize Farnsworth Group to develop a proposal for board consideration to design, prepare bid documents and oversee construction of window replacement in the original part of the building (building envelope, Windows replacement 1970s in building assessment). Proposal should include obtaining endorsement of Illinois State Historic Preservation Agency if necessary. Motion carried

Program Report:

De Buhr reported on recent programs including Summer Read and flag ceremony honoring country's 250th birthday and a look ahead including promoting Community Crossroads event on August 14. De Buhr reported staff member Emily Tooy has resigned to take a full time position.

Director's Report:

Walworth reported fundraiser date is November 18. Theme is the Great Gatsby. Plans are to launch fundraising effort for building improvements at the fundraiser. The board received assessment of our library's standing compared to ILA standards in the governance area.

Adjournment: Motion by Karpus, second by Righter to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried.