

## DODGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, September 16, 2024

The Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 16, 2024 in person.

Present: Vanderloo, Reynolds-Lair, Wepking, Howard, Ponsler, Spady, Murphy, Haag, McSherry, Portz-Library Director.

- I. **Agenda and Minutes Approval:** The meeting of the Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vanderloo and there being no objections declared the meeting duly posted. The agenda for this meeting was declared approved and the August 12, 2024 minutes were approved with no objections.
- II. **Concerns and Comments of the Board:** We welcome Deb Haag who has been appointed to the library board as a city representative.
- III. **Old Business:** None
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Acceptance of the bills. Motion by Reynolds-Lair to accept and pay the bills. Second by Wepking. All in favor. Motion carried. Nancy brought information from Edward Jones. 1<sup>st</sup> Account balance: \$1,140,597.45 Association account balance: \$323,279.60. As of today- 9/16/24, total portfolio balance: \$1,463,877.05.
- V. **Librarian's Report:** Carrie has done training with SWLS staff, has been organizing the digital and paper files, and had a meeting with Carol G. regarding the upcoming grants. Also met with Edward Jones regarding the Foundation accounts, Rachel of Merrimac and Main regarding collaboration, and Bridget Mouchon of UWEX.  
Applied for \$1350 grant from Iowa County Library Committee which would be used to bring in a speaker, expand kits, and also find ways, possibly classes, to connect the older population with technology. For outreach the Back to School Bonanza at Harris Park was a hit – over 200 people were present. The Health and Wellness Expo at Hidden Valley Church was 9/13 and made a lot of connections. The Dodgeville Chronicle Spotlight interview was 9/10. At the Annex the small tables were installed and MHTC updated modem and internet speed increased. Hired two new teen pages and two new teen volunteers. There are many ongoing projects which include the website update, updating the teen space, preliminary budget work, Girls Who Code Club- discussed making it more inclusive. Also thinking about shifting shelves around to improve space use, getting magazines back to the main library, and setting up a cabinet for Makerspace supplies. Circulation is pretty consistent, visits are up. There were less programs in August which is normal for end of summer, there are more programs coming up in October. Carol M. gave the Friend of the Library update. Added three new friends and will put an ad in the Dodgeville Chronicle regarding becoming a Friend of the Library.

VI. **New Business:** Discussion of Library Building Project. Discussed the different layouts of the addition, where the bathrooms would be, the need of a kitchenette, a calming room, office space near the front door. Various other ideas that need to be discussed with the architect. And also discussed if we receive the grant and begin renovation, the next steps regarding moving the collection.

VII. **Upcoming Meetings:** Monday, October 14, 2024

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ponsler. Second by Spady. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kari McSherry.