

Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes
June 2024

The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on June 17, 2024, was called to order by Board President, Leanna Gray, at 6:30 p.m. at the Du Quoin Public Library.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

La Tasha Baxter led the Board and staff in the “Pledge of Allegiance” following the Call to Order

ATTENDANCE

Roll was called by Board Secretary, Paula Myers.

Members present: Paula Myers, Rose Alongi, Leanna Gray, La Tasha Baxter, Janice Wilbanks, Andrea Helmer, and Luke Davison

Staff present: Angelina Mabrey

Guests present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the May 13, 2024 meeting was filed as written. A motion was made by Janice and seconded by La Tasha to approve the minutes. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for May 2024 as provided by the City was reviewed. Angelina noted that the Sidewalk Book Sale went well; netting donations of \$312! Motion to accept the financial report subject to audit was made by Rose and seconded by Andrea. All approved.

June 2024 bills were discussed. The six silent mice were purchased for \$141.92 and other grant expenses noted are for upcoming Summer activities. Motion to pay the June 2024 Library bills was made by Luke and seconded by Paula. All in attendance approved.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT (Angelina Mabrey)

- Big increase for the month of May in the Circulation Statistics. Over 1,000 exceeded with the goals!
- The Library received the award letter for the Public Library Per Capita Grant FY2024 in the amount of **\$8,653.10**. The check will arrive later this summer and must be spent by December 2024.
- The Library did not receive the Digital Equity Capacity Kickstarter Grant but was awarded the Technology Grant by the State Library through the Illinois Secretary of State in the amount of \$12,500. This was based upon poverty level and needs of population. The Library has two years of which to spend the money. Angelina said some ideas are to professionally update the Library’s website and Angelina will be discussing this with a person in the community who has the expertise. Also, other possibilities may be the purchase of a barcode scanner and/or a portable inventory scanner.
- The Library will be receiving 10 Virtual Reality (VR) Headsets on loan from the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center from August 10-September 4.

- The Summer Reading Program is going strong. The Library has been averaging around 90 people using the Library each day so far. Both children and adults are participating in the Summer Program.
- With the increase of Library users, the purchase of the “silent” mice have been a lifesaver for staff!
- The Garden Club created a lovely display for the month of June.
- Be sure and check out the unique Lego display created by Maddy Bird!
- Please try to attend the 90th Birthday Party on **Tuesday, July 2, ALL DAY**. Several activities are planned, i.e., crafts, birthday card signing, etc.

FINANCE: Luke-Nothing to report

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Rose-Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Paula-Nothing to report

POLICY COMMITTEE: NA

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Janice-Did some work on the outside Library planters

LONG RANGE PLANNING: NA

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS: La Tasha reported about Angelina’s picture and article regarding the Award of the Grant, *Note* Luke commented that the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds is currently working on a “Community Calendar” to be published and will gladly include any Library information/activities.

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Leanna-Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS & REMINDERS

Reminder: The Library will be having a 90th BIRTHDAY PARTY on **TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2024 ALL DAY!**
All are Welcome!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Luke and seconded by Leanna to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Paula Myers

Du Quoin Library Board Secretary

