

Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes  
August 2024

The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on August 12, 2024, was called to order by Board President, Leanna Gray, at 6:32 p.m. at the Du Quoin Public Library.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Leanna 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 Carol Downs

Staff present: Angelina Mabrey

Guests present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the July 2024 meeting were filed as written. A motion was made by Janice and seconded by Andrea to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for July 2024 as provided by the City was reviewed. Motion to accept the financial report subject to audit was made by Rose and seconded by Leanna. All approved.

August 2024 bills were discussed. New to the budget is the independent contract for an instructor for the Chair Exercise class which is held every Tuesday and Thursday. This class has become a huge success! Class size is averaging 16-20 patrons. Motion to pay the August 2024 Library bills was made by Carol and seconded by La Tasha. All in attendance approved.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT (Angelina Mabrey)

- The check for The Technology Grant by the State Library through the Illinois Secretary of State in the amount of \$12,500 was received today (8/12/24). Angelina had a second meeting with Gabi Porter and saw a terrific mock-up of the Library’s new website.
- Ten VR headsets from the Illinois Holocaust Museum will be arriving on Thursday, August 15. DQ High School and Middle School English and Social Studies teachers have been notified to try to give priorities to these students. Homeschool groups have been notified along with Pinckneyville teachers. Sign-ups will be open to the public the week of 8/12/24. The Library will only have the headsets for 2 weeks.
- The Summer Reading Program for 2024 year is Complete! The Program had great attendance and ended with a field trip to the All-Sk8 Zone. Reading contest winners were announced and received a book and gift card.

- The new program “Chair Exercise” designed to help promote balance and strength-building is a huge success! Class is offered both Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 10:30. The class has reached popularity just through word-of-mouth. No advertising has been needed. Friends are bringing friends.
- Plans are being made for the months ahead. The financial literacy program will begin in September and October will be the annual library crawl. Angelina is considering purchasing Du Quoin Public Library book bags for sale. October will also see the Halloween Parade, Family Reading Night in November and December will return with the 12 Days of Crafts.
- Summer volunteers have been working on barcodes and hoping to continue with the high school and NHS volunteers.

FINANCE: NA

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Rose-Nothing to report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Paula-Nothing to report

POLICY COMMITTEE: NA

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Janice-Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Carol-Nothing to report

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS: La Tasha reported the Library is doing an AMAZING job!!

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Leanna-Nothing reported binders are on back order.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS & REMINDERS

Serving Our Public 4.0 Chapters 1-4 will be reviewed in the September meeting.  
Luke Davison will be renewed to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Leanna at 6:58 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Paula Myers

Du Quoin Library Board Secretary