

Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes
December 2024

The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on December 9, 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

Luke Davison 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, Luke Davison, Leanna Gray, La Tasha Baxter, Janice Wilbanks

Members absent: Carol Downs, Gail Durkota, Andrea Helmer, Rose Alongi

Staff present: Angelina Mabrey

Guests present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for November 2024 as provided by the City was reviewed. Motion to accept the financial report subject to audit was made by Luke and seconded by La Tasha. All approved.

December 2024 bills were discussed. Motion to pay the December 2024 Library bills was made by Paula and seconded by Janice. All in attendance approved.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT (Angelina Mabrey)

- The Library has promoted the new Library totes and non-resident cards for holiday gifts.
- Final website training will be Friday, December 13 and then the website will be ready.
- With the passing of former Du Quoin teacher, Sarah Doerner’s obit requested memorials be made to the DQ Public Library and to date there has been \$1,000 donated.
- Over 80 people attended the Family Reading Night on November 12. The event ran smoothly, and all had a great time. Children left w a glow-in-the-dark star Sleepytime kit to promote family reading.
- Angelina will be reading to the kindergarten classes on Kindergarten Day at the Du Quoin Expo Hall on Friday, December 13.
- Christmas Crafts are in progress. The theme is using recycled book pages to make decorations like garland, ornaments, and trees. The children will receive a Christmas-themed book on the last day.
- DQ Library is next in line for the barcode duplicator. A volunteer will be helping with the barcoding task.
- Still waiting for the Perry County real estate tax disbursement.
- Elizabeth will be out for a couple of weeks in December due to a medical issue.

FINANCE: Luke – Nothing to report

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Rose-NA

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Paula-Nothing to report.

POLICY COMMITTEE: Gail –NA

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Janice-Planters were in need of help. Found out an ambitious community member completed the task!

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Carol-NA

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS: La Tasha – Rockin It! (per a quote from La Tasha)

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Leanna-Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS – UPCOMING TASKS

In the new year, Angelina will be working on the following:

- The Per Capita FY2025 application
- Quarter 2 Technology Grant
- IPLAR State Reporting
- ILLINET

NEW BUSINESS & REMINDERS

On a happy note, Angelina and staff were awarded bonuses for 2024 for all the hard work and dedication to the Du Quoin Public Library. The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees is proud and happy to have such a devoted Librarian and staff employed by the City. Leanna made a motion to award the bonuses and Luke seconded. All approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. Next meeting will be January 13, 2025, at 6:53 p.m.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Recorded by:

Paula Myers

Du Quoin Library Board Secretary