

Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes
November 2024

The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on November 11, 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

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 and Carol Downs

Members absent: Luke Davison, Gail Durkota, and Andrea Helmer

Staff present: Angelina Mabrey

Guests present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the October 2024 meeting were filed as written. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by La Tasha to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT (Angelina Mabrey)

- The sale of DQ Library totes is going great. Fifteen (15) of the 75 totes have been sold to date.
- The LeapPads arrived from the Thinking Money for Kids Grant. These can be checked out and will be used even after the Grant has ended. They are preloaded with financial literacy games for kids.
- The new Library website is being finalized. This should be ready for view by the December meeting.
- Once again, high numbers visited the Library for the month. The Library Crawl saw over 60 visiting patrons and two big high school groups, Ms. Baxter’s English class and Mrs. Morris Educator’s Rising class visited. Hoping to see these students come back and use various services provided by the Library!
- Participation in the Halloween Parade was a success. The volunteers were very helpful.
- The staff are preparing for the big Family Reading Night on Tuesday, November 12 with the cartoon character, Bluey, as the theme. Volunteers are preparing family activities and giveaways for the participants. The event is from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

FINANCE: Luke – NA

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Rose-Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Paula-Nothing to report.

POLICY COMMITTEE: Gail – NA

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Janice-Nothing to report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Carol-Nothing to report.

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS: La Tasha – Going Great!

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Leanna-Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Serving Our Public 4.0 Chapters 9-13 were reviewed. All chapters have been reviewed & are complete for this year!

NEW BUSINESS & REMINDERS

The 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule was presented. Rose made a motion, and Janice seconded the meeting dates. All approved.

The 2025 Holiday Closure Schedule was presented. Carol made a motion, and Leanna seconded the closure dates. All approved.

The 2025 Proposed Budget was presented. Janice made a motion and Rose seconded. All approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Paula Myers

Du Quoin Library Board Secretary