

Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes
February 2025

The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on February 10, 2025, was called to order by President, Leanna Gray, at 6:40 p.m. at the Du Quoin Public Library.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Angelina Mabrey led the Board and staff in the “Pledge of Allegiance” following the Call to Order.

ATTENDANCE

Roll was called by the Board Secretary, Paula Myers.

Members present: Paula Myers, La Tasha Baxter, Rose Alongi, Carol Downs, Janice Wilbanks, Leanna Gray

Members absent: Luke Davison, Gail Durkota, Andrea Helmer

Staff present: Angelina Mabrey

Guests present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the January 2025 meeting were filed as written. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Rose to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for January 2025 as provided by the City was reviewed. It was noted a substantial number of non-residents applied for a library card. The motion to accept the financial report subject to audit was made by Janice and seconded by La Tasha. All approved.

February 2025 bills were discussed. Motion to pay the February 2025 Library bills was made by Leanna and seconded by La Tasha. All in attendance approved.

LIBRARIAN REPORT (Angelina Mabrey)

- The Chair Exercise class is going strong! Averaging 15-20 in attendance.
- The new website is live and received well.
- Thinking Money for Kids Grant programming may be offered during the week of Spring Break. Details will be forthcoming.
- Per Capita FY 2025 applications and FY 2023 expense report have been submitted prior to January 30th deadline.
- There are several February Valentine programs/themes happening i.e., Kiss counter, Blind Date with a Book, Books you Love and the February 2025 Calendar.
- Brittany designed a wonderful Year in Review graphic and is on the website.
- The Library opened early for a preschool visit on Friday, February 7 and had almost 40 attendees. They received a tour, read a story, worked on fine motor skills and they left with a sparkly heart sticker.
- There is a Sons of the American Revolution display in the glass cabinet for February. There is also a Black History Month display and a book challenge.
- A new book club, Book Talk, will begin February 18. This is a “low-key” Club for community members to come to the Library to read and meet in groups with a Facilitator and socialize with low-pressure goals in a relaxed atmosphere.

- Elizabeth Wall has submitted her letter of resignation, and this position will be posted for hiring. Although her resignation is not effective until May, plans and training will take place prior.
- Staff will be taking some vacations this month and the beginning of March.

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-Presented an example of a survey which she picked up @ the Elkhville Library for review.

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS: La Tasha – “Good things are Happening”

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Leanna-This area is being reorganized, and new displays will be forthcoming.

Unfinished Business

None

NEW BUSINESS & REMINDERS

- Statements of Economic Interest Distributed to Trustees to be completed for Angelina to submit.
- A copy of Elizabeth’s resignation letter was provided.
- E-Rate Form 470 Posted for review.
- Year in Review 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Next meeting will be March 10, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Paula Myers

Du Quoin Library Board Secretary