

Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes  
May 2025

The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on May 12, 2025, was called to order by President, Leanna Gray, at 6:30 p.m. at the Du Quoin Public Library.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Gail Durkota 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, Rose Alongi, Carol Downs, Janice Wilbanks, Leanna Gray, Vickie Morrow, Gail Durkota, Andrea Helmer, La Tasha Baxter

Members absent: 0

Staff present: Angelina Mabrey

Guests present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for April 2025 as provided by the City was reviewed. The motion to accept the financial report subject to audit was made by Vickie and seconded by Andrea. All approved.

May 2025 bills were discussed. Motion to pay the April 2025 Library bills was made by Carol seconded by Gail. All in attendance approved.

LIBRARIAN REPORT (Angelina Mabrey)

- The DQ Library's Golf Scramble started slow but ended up a success! Golfers teed off in the rain but then the weather cleared and all were happy. There were fewer teams than last year but having snacks instead of a meal at Red Hawk brought the costs down. Also, donations were up this year. The amount raised of \$1,500 goes to the old fine line item and an additional \$1,000 will go to the Summer Reading Program.
- Donations have still been received for the Edna Bailey's Memorial. Once the children's project is completed, an article will be published for the newspaper and online.
- The Quarter 3 Technology Grant Report was submitted before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Results from the Per Capita FY2026 should be received soon.
- Upcoming Programs: Puzzle table, Hidden Waldos, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Garden Plant Exchange, Senior Fraud Seminar, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Talk and programs on the May 2025 calendar.
- The Summer Reading Program planning is in full swing. The theme will be "Busy Town" and will entail the group having a City map and will visit area businesses and placing a sticker on each location they visit. Martels and Tropical Snow are sponsoring the Program with rewards. The Program will be each week on Tuesdays @ 1:00 p.m. Final plans with the businesses will be soon and info will be sent to the schools. Presently, the following businesses are participating: Martels, Tropical Snow, USPS, Alongis, DQ Fire Dept., Marks' Bakery.
- Angelina attended and read for the DQ Elementary School's Reading Night on April 28. It was a fun time and a great turnout.

- The upcoming DQ Weekly will feature an article about the Senior Fraud seminar to be held at the Library on May 15 @ 11:30 a.m. The paper will also be publishing other pertinent information about current activities.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Friendship Graden Plant Exchange will be on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00-12:00 noon.
- The Library was fortunate to have several DQ high school seniors volunteering this year. One of the regular volunteers will be returning this summer and will be able to work 72 hours between June and August which will be a big help for the summer reading programs!

FINANCE: – Vickie – Finance training has been completed

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Rose-Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Paula-Nothing to report.

POLICY COMMITTEE: Gail –Nothing to report.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Janice-Nothing to report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Carol-Announced the Summer Reading Program survey is being conducted.

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS: La Tasha – Nothing to report.

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Leanna-Nothing to report.

#### NEW BUSINESS & REMINDERS

- The Summer Reading Program is being finalized.
- The Community Survey will soon be distributed.
- Leanna made a motion for the DQ Library Board of Trustees to continue to participate in the Illinois Cards for Kids non-resident fee waiver for the 2025-2026 year. Janice seconded. Motion carried.
- Non-resident Fees and participation for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Gail made a motion to maintain the non-resident rate of \$45.00 for this time period and La Tasha seconded. Motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Next meeting will be June 9, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Paula Myers

Du Quoin Library Board Secretary