

Fred A. Vaught Memorial Library

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Present: Megan Lee, Cindy Matthews, Judy Baker, Amy Davenport, Kelsey Dickens, Jenesia Ellis, Thena Haynes, Kathy Robertson

The meeting was called to order by Thena Haynes, and the previous meeting's minutes were approved with no additions or corrections. The motion to approve was made by Jenesia Ellis and seconded by Kelsey Dickens.

Old Business:

The September book sale made \$226 to be used for upcoming holiday activities and Book Club supplies.

The patron bathroom was kept closed for several weeks and no drain flooding occurred. It is now reopened and will continue to be monitored.

Trick or treating was held at the library after hours on Halloween night and there was a good turnout despite the rainy weather.

New Business:

At the Director's request, an item was added to the agenda for New Business. Megan Lee requested an addition to current safety policies clarifying that sleeping/lying down/being unalert is not permitted while on library grounds. This has become a continuing issue in our building and another county department, and we are attempting to work together to curb further incidents. A change was made to policy 7.1.6 with a motion by Jenesia Ellis and second by Judy Baker. All in favor.

Our annual turkey giveaway courtesy of Hartsville Foodland will be held through November 18th.

Staff is currently planning a calendar of December activities, which will include another stuffed animal sleepover, origami ornaments with John Oliver, crafts, movies, and food related fun.

Summer Reading prep has also begun with the booking of June performers. Megan is on a committee in the new year for the national program.

Upcoming closings will be: Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th (Thanksgiving), Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas), and Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st (New Year). The next library board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th at 4:45pm.

Regional Report:

Tech Grant awards were distributed with over \$44,000 going to Stones River libraries.

Some guidelines were listed for Trustees and Directors as we work together to prepare for next year's budget proposal.

A couple of trainings are available in December: Summer Reading Symposium on December 5th (virtual) and Telling Your Library's Story on December 11th (SRRL). The full training schedule is available on the TSLA libguides page.

Reminders were given to review inclement weather policies as cold weather approaches, keep up continuing education hours per the library service agreement, and check to see if there will be any board member vacancies in the upcoming year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jenesia Ellis and seconded by Amy Davenport.