

Drake Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 5PM
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Board President, Janell Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Michelle Moore, Kathy Cridlebaugh, Nicole Cox, Janell Armstrong, Dennis Beeson, Shelly Baldwin and Kris Hoffman

Board Members Absent: David Farrell and Mike Cockrum

Library Staff Present: Library Director JeNel Barth

City Staff Present: None

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

Minutes Approval: The Regular Board Meeting minutes for October 9, 2024, were approved as presented.

Visitors/Public Comment: None

Approval of Bills: Dennis Beeson moved to approve the payment of bills, second Nicole Cox, approved by all.

Director's Report: Library Director JeNel Barth shared the large print collection has been inventoried and staff are working to update the collection, Dial a Story is out with the fall menu and plans are happening for the Winter Menu, New hours have been well received and the library is seeing an increase in patronage, the Children's staff attended the Lakeview Trunk or Treat and met 500 children.

Report from the City: None

Report from Friends of DPL: Halloween Hustle was held on October 19th. Next fundraiser will be Pi Day in March.

Report for the Drake Public Library Foundation: The Foundation will be looking for two replacement members due to term limits.

Reports from Standing Committees (Executive, Budget and Finance, Governance, Building, Public Relations, Personnel): None

Old Business:

- Board Training: Open Meetings Laws – Nicole Cox presented training to the board.

New Business:

- Admin Leave for December 25 and 26, 2024: Dennis Beeson made a motion to approve the suggestion by Jason Fraser, City Administrator, Kathy Cridlebaugh second. After additional board discussion, the motion was rescinded.
- Closing library on December 25 and 26, 2024: Michelle Moore moved to approve closing the library on December 25, 2024, aligning with the City of Centerville, second Nicole Cox, approved by all.
- Admin Leave for December 25 and 26, 2024: The Board discussed the proposal by Jason Fraser and determined this did not align with City of Centerville personnel policy and therefore would not be appropriate for library staff.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Austin Harris has accepted an invitation to attend the December library board meeting.

Upcoming Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President Janell Armstrong.