

Hopkins County-Madisonville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting, October 15, 2020

Roll Call

The Hopkins County-Madisonville Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on October 15, 2020. In response to governmental direction to practice social distancing, the meeting was conducted online via Zoom teleconference. A quorum was established with the presence of President Tara Edwards, Vice President Liz Schweizer, Treasurer Allen Davis, Secretary Jonathon Storms, Judy Rhoads, and Director Joel Meador.

Approval of Agenda

Tara Edwards called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Allen Davis moved to approve the agenda with flexibility. Judy Rhoads seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Tara asked for any corrections to the minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting. With no corrections being made, Judy moved to approve the minutes as written. Jonathon Storms seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Tara asked if there were any questions about the Financial Statements as submitted. There being none, the report (and bills) were filed for audit.

Communication

Joel Meador reported on things going well at the main branch; patron numbers are increasing. It was mentioned that re-evaluation of the library's COVID – 19 protocols should be reviewed to be relative to any changes in community health.

He also relayed information from Peggy Stirsmen, regarding possible ways to assist local schools on behalf of the Woman's Club of Madisonville's Education Committee. Joel agreed to discuss options with Ms. Stirsmen and report back to the board on the matter.

Joel provided information on a burglary at the main branch. No significant damage or theft occurred other than slight damages made at the entry point. Madisonville Police Department swiftly attended to the matter after being alerted by the library's alarm system.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the city of Madisonville forgiving the remaining library debt. The forgiven debt exceeded \$9000.00. Joel agreed to thank the Mayor and Council Members on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

The discussion continued with questions and comments on the following:

- The library's former debts
- Active and new bequests
- The role of the foundation
- Strategic planning for the library & foundation

Judy requested specific documentation to be provided to the board prior to the next meeting. Joel agreed to provide the information.

Judy suggested the possibility of a strategic planning seminar hosted at and by staff of Madisonville Community College for the board as well as members of the foundation. The board was in agreement regarding strategic planning. Liz and Tara both provided remarks regarding the matter. The discussion was tabled until further information was provided to the board.

No report was given on the Dawson Springs Branch.

Adjournment

Judy moved to adjourn the meeting. Jonathon seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

President

Secretary