

**Drake Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 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, Mike Cockrum, Kathy Cridlebaugh, Nicole Cox, Janell Armstrong, Dennis Beeson, David Farrell and Kris Hoffman

**Board Members Absent:** Shelly Baldwin

**Library Staff Present:** Library Director JeNel Barth

**City Staff Present:** None

**Agenda Approval:** Approved as presented.

**Minutes Approval:** The Regular Board Meeting minutes for August 14, 2024, were approved as presented.

**Visitors/Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Bills:** Michelle Moore moved to approve the payment of bills, second Dennis Beeson, approved by all.

**Director's Report:** Library Director JeNel Barth shared Kids Programs kicked off September 9<sup>th</sup>. Staff will begin visiting Headstart preschool classrooms monthly. Brainfuse HelpNow services are available on the library website. This service is a free online tutoring service. Staff will be working to share the information with families and teachers in the area. A homelessness and risk survey is available at the library in partnership with Appanoose Homelessness Coalition. JeNel continues to work on senior adult programming events for the future.

**Report from the City:** None

**Report from Friends of DPL:** The next fundraiser will be the Halloween Hustle on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. There are steps taking place to attempt to secure statewide participation in Imagination Library. This initiative is in the early phases.

**Report for the Drake Public Library Foundation:** None

**Reports from Standing Committees** (Executive, Budget and Finance, Governance, Building, Public Relations, Personnel):

- Building: There was a cement pad poured for a bench in front of the library. This project is happening with memorial funds.
- Personnel: Mike Cockrum reported that JeNel's annual review was presented to her.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- The Library Director requested to call into Trustee meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. No objections from the Board.
- Review and Discussion of changing library operational hours to 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Michelle Moore moved to approve new hours beginning October 1, 2024, second Kathy Cridlebaugh, approved by all.

**Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** None

**Upcoming Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 5 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by President Janell Armstrong.