

## Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

November 16, 2021

**Board Members Present:** Keri Collinsworth, Tamie Williams, Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett, Rick Keeling, Chris Yaudas, Karina Cole, Beth Styron

**Board Members Absent:** Jake Heisten

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline

President Beth Styron called the meeting to order at 4:00.

**Correspondence:** None

**Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report**

Chris moved to accept the consent agenda, Jann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Director's Report:**

- Statistics were reviewed.
- The EFIS is done on the front of the library, they have now moved to complete the back portion.
- In regards to the houses on the new Seneca property, we are waiting on the hazardous materials to be removed and then the burn will be scheduled.
- Beck Floral, the property north of our Library Annex, is for sale and has a potential buyer. On the property where the Annex is located there used to be a gas station. This is creating an issue for the potential buyers. They may need to do some underground sampling/tests in order to secure a loan. The board agreed this shouldn't be a problem as long as any damage is repaired.
- Mr. Ashcroft visited the library on Veterans' Day and all went well.
- Grant updates: In regards to our library lockers- no one knows where they are. They are probably on a ship somewhere. We received \$7854.00 through the Strengthening Missourians Grant, with which we purchased 20 new hot spots. They can be checked out for 1 week with one renewal. We received \$19,000 from the Mini Tech Grant and will replace staff computers, as well as purchase a new laptop.
- Upcoming events: Harry Potter Night at the Library is November 19. On December 1 the library staff will be decorating the library for Christmas. December 2 is Christmas at the Library, followed by the Lighting of Big Spring Park. December 28 at 4 pm will be an event to celebrate the naming of the study rooms after Billy and LeeAnn Johnson.

### **Old Business**

## **New Business**

- The first reading of a policy amendment to increase the fee to rent the community room was held. After discussion it was decided that the usage fee will increase from \$50 to \$100. This usage fee is not refunded. There will also be an increase of the cleaning fee from \$50 to \$100. If the room is properly cleaned and without damage, the cleaning fee will be returned.
- A discussion was held regarding the salary line item in the budget. Some increases in salaries will be made and reflected in the budget. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Tammy to approve the salary increases. All voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Phyllis, with a second by Rick. All were in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted, Keri Collinsworth, Secretary