

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

November 17, 2020

Board Members Present Live: Julie Humphrey, Beth Styron, Jann Burnett, Rick Keeling, Tamie Williams

Board Members Present Via Zoom: Phyllis Blackwood, Jake Heisten, Chris Yaudas.

Board Members Absent: Keri Collinsworth

Library Staff Present: Carrie Cline, Terri Moser, Pam Mendenhall, Mark Mayfield

Public Comments – Beth read a letter from a Neosho patron concerning the hard-working staff and maybe closing the Saturday after Thanksgiving to give them a break.

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

Last month's minutes need to reflect that Chris Yaudas left the meeting before the purchase of the new building was discussed and voted on.

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

Director's Report:

- The statistics will be presented next month.
- Concerning the new building, Jake will reach out to a commercial building inspector and have an inspection done in the next couple of weeks. Signatures and closings will depend on the findings after that.
- The new VOIP phones go live this week.
- Carrie praised her entire staff for their patience throughout the Evergreen migration craziness and for keeping joy throughout Covid. Everyone is exhausted, but we are still planning fun events for staff and patrons. We are going to have a Library Christmas Street Festival on December 3rd right before the city's Lighting of the Park, and have games, Take and Make crafts, etc. The entire staff will be wearing face masks and gloves.
- The migration to Missouri Evergreen is mostly complete, but there are still some strange errors. It is much better than it was, and it will hopefully continue to smooth out.
- The Broadband Grant paid for the new website (which has been highly praised) and the new self checkout station, which is out on the floor and ready to fire up just as soon as the cabling is finished. The Cares Grant has purchased hot spots to place out in the community and chrome books to circulate.

Carrie just finished writing a Mini Tech grant for new computers in Seneca and the tech room. The Summer Reading Program grant is due next week.

- We have a new fire security system, and it is fully installed and operational.
- Carrie has received three reimbursement checks from the county for CARES items.

Old Business

New Business

A. After discussion about the need for a deep-cleaning and sanitizing of the buildings, and in response to the letter from the library patron, Phyllis made a motion to close the library on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28th, and the entire week after Christmas, December 28 – January 1. Rick seconded this, and it was approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Cline, Director