

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

December 14, 2020

Board Members Present: Keri Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Beth Styron, Jann Burnett, Chris Yaudas, Tamie Williams, Phyllis Blackwood, Rick Keeling, Jake Heisten

Board Members Absent: None

Library Staff Present: Carrie Cline, Terri Moser

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

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

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

Director's Report:

- Statistics were reviewed, and it was noted that the door count does not reflect the large amount of curbside service our patrons are utilizing.
- We have applied for a Mini-Tech grant as well as a Summer Reading program grant, we do not know the results of those applications yet.
- The Christmas Festival in the Street went wonderfully well. There were approximately 200 children in attendance.
- The Friends of the Library continues to be a wonderful support to our library. They recently held officer elections, and fund many, many wonderful things for our library! A big thank you to all involved!

Old Business

- A. The building at 230 W. Spring Street was inspected and the results yielded nothing unexpected. Several small repairs which can easily be managed. One larger issue of the exterior woodwork could be managed by repairing one side per year, so as to spread out the cost. Chris made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the building at 230 W. Spring Street, Jann seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jake did not vote on this issue, as he had temporarily stepped away from his Zoom camera, and Rick abstained due to a conflict of interest.

New Business

- A. The two study rooms are going to be sponsored in honor of Bill and Lee Ann Johnson. Bill worked for the library from 1955-1998, running the bookmobile for many years. Lee Ann also worked for the

library from 1957 or 58 until 2004. The rooms will be sponsored for \$10,000 for each room, and we currently have \$10,000 already pledged. This sponsorship will be honoring a wonderful couple who dedicated so many years in service to the library.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Collinsworth, Secretary