

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

December 21, 2021

Board Members Present: Rick Keeling, Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Jann Burnett, Tamie Williams, Karina Cole, and Phyllis Blackburn

Board Members Absent: Jake Heisten and Keri Collinsworth

Library Staff Present: Carrie Cline and Pam Mendenhall

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

Correspondence: A thank you card from Mark Mayfield was read.

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

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

Director's Report:

- Statistics were reviewed.
- There has been no further word from Arvest Bank about the Annex property.
- We were contacted by First Community Bank about property taxes that they were charged for the Annex. We have in our signed contract that we would pay all taxes and fees. Since it is not legal for us to pay taxes, we will reimburse the bank for these expenses, but will work with the title company to get the building in our name, thus avoiding future taxes.
- Our Christmas at the Library event was ruined due to a note being sent from the school asking all fourth graders and parents to come to the library an hour before the Lighting of the Park and sign in at the library. No one from the school was there to sign them in, and everyone was very angry at the library. This will not happen next year, and we are still happy to partner with the City going forward.
- Carrie presented information from MPLD's library attorney concerning how to address public comments during board meetings.
- Grant updates: Carrie has now received word that the lockers are on their way, and will be here some time in January to be installed.
- The Community Room will be painted on December 30th when the library will be closed, which is a great time. We are grateful for the paint company who fit us in their busy schedule.
- We are ready for the Naming of the Study Rooms event. The rooms have been repainted where needed, the signage on the window was installed today, and large pictures are ready to hang, and invitations have been sent.

Old Business

- The second and final reading of the new Community Room amendment was discussed. Phyllis made a motion to accept it as written, Chris seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

New Business

- The first reading of a policy amendment to the PTO policy was read. It adds information about how to proceed if a staff member dies, and it also changes how we pay out that year's PTO hours if someone leaves their job.
- Beth formed a committee of herself, Chris and Karina to conduct a performance review of the director, which will be discussed and presented in Closed Session at the January Board meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick, with a second by Phyllis. All were in favor of adjourning at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Cline, Acting Secretary