

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

October 17, 2020

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

Board Members Absent: Jake Heisten

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

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

Last month's minutes need to reflect the absence of Jann Burnett.

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

Director's Report:

- Statistics were reviewed
- The Evergreen Migration Process continues despite some glitches.
- The newly designed website is up and running and works better with phones/tablets.
- We are getting a new phone system through Crexendo which will save us a significant amount of money with better product and support.
- We have a new fire security system, as there was currently no fire alarm system that would alert the fire department. That was unknown to us, as we thought such a system was installed with the library remodel.
- The library will participate in the Mask-erade trick or treating on October 30. The Friends of the Library donated \$200 for candy.
- On December 3 from 5-6 pm, the Library will have a "Street Fair" with crafts prior to the Lighting of the Park. Friends of the Library is also funding this activity!
- The library is receiving CARES reimbursement for Covid related expenses, we have received 2 checks so far.
- The Department of Economic Development Broadband Grant will allow the library to purchase 15 new chrome books (for check-out) and 15 new hot spots which can be placed strategically throughout the community, greatly expanding access to the internet for our patrons.
- The Friends of the Library made almost \$4,000 in the last book sale!

Old Business

- A.** Final reading/approval of proposed policy changes, motion made by Chris and seconded by Rick. All votes in favor.

New Business

- A.** The empty building for sale at 230 W. Spring Street was toured prior to our meeting tonight. It is currently owned by First Community Bank. Rick made a motion that pending favorable results of a building inspection, we make an offer of \$200,000 to be paid in four yearly payments of \$50,000/yr over 4 years, at 0% interest. Phyllis made the second and all voted in favor. (Chris Yaudas left the meeting early and was not present for this vote.)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Collinsworth, Secretary