Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

March 21, 2023

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

**Board Members Absent:** Karina Cole

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline

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

**Introduction of Board Members and Guests:** Holly Beadle is here with the Community Foundation.

**Correspondence/Public Comment:** None

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

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

**Director’s Report:**

* Statistics were reviewed. It has been a busy month at all locations!
* Summer Reading Program: We have ordered shirts as prizes. There will be a librarian’s luncheon on March 27 with all local librarians to promote SRP. Family Market is graciously donating the meal! Thank you Family Market!
* Makerspace/STEAM lab: The ribbon cutting was an enormous success, with news coverage by The Joplin Globe and Channel 12. The usage has been very heavy from the start!
* Our new print station is staffed and up and running! Usage has been good and we are getting positive feedback from patrons.
* The Neosho Business Expo is this Friday and Saturday (March 24-25). The library will have a booth.
* Missouri Evergreen User’s Conference is the weekend after Easter, in Columbia. Carrie and Terri will attend.

**Old Business**

1. Strategic Plan: Revisions were made from discussion at last month’s meeting. We will update the plan each January.
2. Seneca Project: The next step will be fundraising. It was discussed that we may need to have an elevation study done, to prevent any future problems with the flood plain.

**New Business**

1. New Equipment Purchase: Our internet server is no longer functioning well, and a new one must be purchased. We have 3 bids, the lowest at $9,499.00 from Midwest IT Services. Chris made a motion to accept this bid, and Jann seconded. All voted in favor.
2. Community Foundation of the Ozarks: Holly updated the board on our library fund with them. We are receiving 4.2% interest on our fund, and our fiscal year ending balance was $985,659.89. Holly reassured us that all of our money is FDIC insured due to how they disperse the funds into different banks.

**Public Comments:** None

The motion to adjourn was made by Rick and seconded by Phyllis. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Keri Collinsworth, Secretary