Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

June 21, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Keri Collinsworth, Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Tamie Williams, Rick Keeling

**Board Members Absent:** Karina Cole, Jann Burnett, Jake Heisten, Phyllis Blackwood

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline, Terri Moser

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment:** None

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

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

**Director’s Report:**

* Statistics were reviewed.
* The La-Z-Boy sign is now up in the Children’s section, to reflect their generous sponsorship
* Our annual operating budget for the next fiscal year will be under $1 million, which simplifies things with the MO Ethics Commission.
* Grant updates: We await the delivery of book returns for the lockers. Once delivered and installed, we will be ready for the lockers to be operational. Our STEM kits should arrive any day. The SRP is going great with wonderful attendance.
* We received a reappointment letter from the county for Beth Styron.

**Old Business**

1. Building Project Update in Seneca

We have received a fee proposal for professional design services from Paragon Architecture, for $9,000. A topographical survey would be an additional $5,000. Before approving this proposal, the board would like to have an update from the Seneca Fire Department on the demolition of the 2 houses on site, as well as a list of potential donors who would likely be interested in sponsoring areas of the new facility.

1. Tax Levy Update

Jill (MO State Auditor) sent us forms that have been filled out to start the process to recover the deficit in tax revenue for 2021. This process will need to be repeated for 2022. We would like for Carrie to ask for advice from the Library Director’s Attorney on how to proceed regarding a potential audit of county offices.

**New Business**

1. The 360 committee

(Jake, Beth, and Chris) will meet with employees in August.

1. Budget

Due to the deficit in county tax revenue, it may be necessary to utilize Community Foundation funds for budgetary items.

The Budget committee (Beth, Chris, Jann, and Karina) will meet when convenient to discuss next year’s budget.

1. Mileage rate

Our mileage rate is current 0.50/mile. Chris motioned to increase the mileage rate to 0.60/mile, Keri seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Collinsworth, Secretary