Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

September 20, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Chris Yaudas, Beth Styron, Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett, Rick Keeling, and Karina Cole.

**Board Members Absent:** Keri Collinsworth, Jake Heisten, and Tamie Williams

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline

**Guests Present:** Kurt Krueger, CPA Group ; Patrice McDonald, Paragon ; Jim Stearman, Paragon ; Jessica Struckhoff, Paragon.

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

**Correspondence:** A thank you card from Jill Carter was read.

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

Phyllis moved to accept the consent agenda and Chris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director’s Report:**

* Statistics were reviewed.
* The Arts Council has achieved their fund-raising goals, contracted with a company in Kansas City, and was prepared to remove the Century Mural that is housed in the library to be restored. Since the City owns the mural, they have requested high insurance premiums be purchased for the U-Haul truck, so the entire project was delayed at the last minute. We have a company standing by to paint behind the giant mural as soon as it is removed.
* We held our first Home School program of the Fall Semester, and close to 90 people attended. Hopefully we will maintain good attendance at each event.
* We purchased a new door counter, so we should begin to have an accurate count again.
* Carrie knew it was coming, but over the past two years, due to the clerical error and shortage of tax funds, our checking account has been getting smaller. We now have to move funds from the Community Foundation account to the CBT account to finish the year until we can begin to recollect the lost funds.
* We have changed trash service to Republic for our dumpster service in order to save money.
* This was an extremely busy summer, and since school has started, our numbers have not settled back down like they normally do. Our study rooms are booked solid, and people are working everywhere. We also have the typical troubled patrons that come along with this, but the staff is handling everything very professionally.
* Carrie is now on the Missouri Evergreen Board of Directors, and she invited the Executive Director down to meet with the libraries in Southwest Missouri. We had a great day, and talked through a lot of our problems and issues.

**Old Business**

* The Paragon team presented images from the past meetings and the community meeting that was held in Seneca. We have chosen a potential land layout that we like, and some interior/exterior designs to proceed with. Our next meeting will be in October. Carrie will do some research to see who owns the little rental cabins directly beside our property.
* Due to time constraints, the Strategic Planning discussion will be tabled until October.
* The Proposed 2023 Budget was presented once again for the second reading. Chris made a motion to formally approve it, Karina seconded, and it was formally adopted.

**New Business**

* Kurt from the CPA Group in Monett presented our 2021 Audit results. It was a clean audit once again, and we all agreed that we need to keep a close eye on our checking account totals each month.

Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Phyllis seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Cline, Acting Secretary