Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

July 19, 2022

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

**Board Members Absent:** Jake Heisten, Tamie Williams

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment:** None

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

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

**Director’s Report:**

* Statistics were reviewed. It has been a very busy summer!
* Grant Updates: There is 1 week left of the SRP. The STEM kits were delivered. The recycling and mini tech grants are completed.
* The WiFi at Seneca is now off when the library is closed, to prevent loiters with nefarious intentions from congregating outside the library.
* State Funding Update: There will be a $1 million increase in state aid for next year. MOREnet will be funded at the same rate. A&E will be fully funded this next year.

**Old Business**

1. Building Project Update in Seneca

Within 3 weeks the old houses will be burned down by the Seneca Fire Dept.

The city of Seneca received a grant to extend the sidewalk all the way to the new library property.

It will cost $14,000 for a site survey and basic schematic design, to be done by Paragon Architecture. A motion was made to approve the funds for this by Keri, seconded by Karina, and all voted in favor.

Interest in donating to the library construction has been expressed by numerous patrons.

1. Tax Funds Update

There are corrections to be done on the paperwork we are submitting to the state in order to recover our lost property tax income. Those will be completed and the forms resubmitted.

**New Business**

1. Election of officers

The current set of officers was reappointed. A motion was made by Karina, seconded by Jann and all were in favor.

President: Beth Styron, Vice President: Rick Keeling, Treasurer: Chris Yaudas, Secretary: Keri Collinsworth

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Collinsworth, Secretary