Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

February 16, 2023

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

**Board Members Absent:** Jake Heisten, 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:** Jim Stearman with Paragon Architects

**Correspondence/Public Comment:** None

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

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

**Director’s Report:**

* Statistics were reviewed. The library continues to serve many patrons in every type of service!
* Chris and Carrie attended Library Advocacy Day and communicated concerns to state officials.
* House Bill 1159 has been introduced.
* Home School Programs are being highly attended. The science programs have had >100 in attendance!
* Planning for the Summer Reading Program has begun! The theme will be “All Together Now”. Carrie applied for, and received, a grant for $8,350.00. There will be a librarian luncheon involving all local librarians to promote the program. This year we will be utilizing ESL students to translate, allowing our programming to be Bi-lingual. The Friends of the Library donated $4,000.00. Thank you FOL! Wal-Mart has already donated several bikes to be given away as prizes!
* The Neosho Business Expo is March 24-26.
* The library has hired 2 new employees to staff the Maker Space/STEAM Lab and Print Station!

**Old Business**

1. PTO policy update (Final Reading)

Phyllis moved to accept the revised policy, Chris seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

1. Architect & Land Discussion

Jim Stearman explained the “Opinion of probable costs” and how the project timeline would operate.

1. Strategic Plan

The plan was presented and discussed. Updates will be made and presented again next month.

**New Business**

1. New equipment purchase

We need to purchase a document system for the print station. Through Ozark Business Systems it will cost $4,650.00. Phyllis moved to accept this proposal, Chris seconded, and all voted in favor.

**Public Comments**

None

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

Respectfully submitted, Keri Collinsworth, Secretary