

**Neosho/Newton County Library Board Meeting
January 24, 2017 – 4 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett, Karina Cole, Margaret Crook, Jonathan Russell, Beth Styron, Tamie Williams and Chris Yaudas

Board Members Absent: Keri Collinsworth

Library Staff Present: Carrie Cline, Library Director and Sharon Meredith, Collections Manager

President Jonathan Russell called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Introduction of Guests:

Cline recognized John Branham, Branco Enterprises, Chris Ball of Ball Architects, and Annie and Don Busch.

Correspondence/Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses and Financial Report:

Phyllis Blackwood moved to accept the minutes with the changes correcting the spelling of the names of Annie Busch, Jann Burnett and Chris Yaudas on page two. Jann Burnett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After a review of the financial reports, Beth Styron moved to accept the reports and Chris Yaudas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

- Statistics look good, especially for the teen programs.
- A retirement reception, which was held for Mary Roundtree on Friday, January 20, was well attended.
- The library again will have a booth at the Business Expo, which will be held on March 17 & 18 with a game show theme. Hours are Friday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Library staff appreciation day was set for Monday, February 13. Board members volunteered to provide a variety of food items and small gifts throughout the day for 20 people, including the Seneca staff.
- National Library Week is April 10 – 14. We will host a reception for the public on April 14 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- There is an adult winter reading program taking place with weekly drawings for each person who reads a book and enters the drawing.
- A new homeschool program schedule has been developed.
- We received a grant of about \$11,000 for the summer reading program.
- We submitted a grant for the Racing to Read program for 2017-18,

Old Business:

Chris Ball reviewed the revised schematics for the building expansion, which essentially doubles the size of the building. He estimates about six weeks for final design.

John Branham reported it will take an estimated six to eight weeks to receive building permits once the final design is approved, and about eight months to complete construction.

Annie Busch discussed some funding options and briefly reviewed tax anticipation notes and how they work. Carrie Cline, Jonathan Russell, Beth Styron and Chris Yaudas will serve on a fundraising committee with Busch.

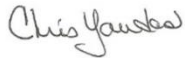
New Business:

A technology bid from our IT provider for a new computer security system, which will provide significant upgrades in firewall/content/spam filtering/anti-virus protection, and provide offsite records backup at a reduced cost, as well as higher speeds was reviewed. Beth Styron moved to accept the bid which was seconded by Jann Burnett. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Yaudas, Acting Secretary