

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

March 21, 2017

Board Members Present: Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett, Keri Collinsworth, Jonathan Russell, Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Tamie Williams

Board Members Absent: Margaret Crook, Karina Cole

Library Staff Present: Carrie Cline, Sharon Meredith

Guests: Joseph Kinder and Chase Barnes with George K. Baum & Company

President Jonathan Russell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

Phyllis Blackwood moved to accept the consent agenda, Beth Styron seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Carrie and Sharon met with Dana Daniels and John Harrington regarding our plans for expansion, the mural that the city owns (and are to be insuring), the parking lot north of the library (which the library gave to the city with the stipulation that the library may use it at any time), and were updated on TIF funds that are to refunded.

The home school group took a tour of the Newton County courthouse with Alan Cook as navigator.

We received a mini tech grant of \$3487, and the FOL will pay a match of \$1162. This money will be used for staff computers.

We received a free 3-D printer from a book distributor.

The FOL book sale made over \$1,000. The FOL membership renewals brought in \$1,000.

Staff is making school visits to get ready for the summer reading program. The freebie cards are being formulated!

Old Business:

A. Building Project Update

Joseph Kinder and Chase Barnes with George K. Baum & Company spoke with us regarding funding for our library expansion project. Our option is Certificates of Participation (25 year max).

The new floor plan for the addition/remodel was presented and discussed.

Chris Yaudas moved to use George K. Baum & Company to handle our building addition/remodel financing. Tammy Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Seneca Hour Change Proposal

Seneca will now be open M-Thursday (11-6) and Saturday (11-2). The hours are changing to utilize the hours they are most needed to be open. Keri Collinsworth made the motion to adjust the hours, Chris Yaudas seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

A. Annual Contract

It is time to sign the contract with our auditor (CPA GROUP of Monett/Cassville). We do not need to bid this out this year, we will continue to utilize this group for the next audit.

Closed Session: None

Beth Styron made the motion to adjourn, and Jann Burnett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keri Collinsworth, Board Secretary