

Neosho/Newton County Library Board Meeting  
May 19, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett, Keri Collinsworth, Melanie Cox, Margaret Crook, Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Mark Young

**Absent:** Jonathan Russell

**Library Staff Present:** Ginny Ray, NNCL Director; Jerry Parker, Systems Administrator

**Absent:** Sharon Meredith, Technical Services

Board President, K. Collinsworth, called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

**Introduction of Board Members/Guests:**

Guests: Blake Hierholzer, Holly Mitchel, and Jason Stipp from the Neosho Area Community Fund  
Michael Chatman and Alice Wingo representing the Community Fund of the Ozarks

**Correspondence/Public Comment:**

None

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

Minutes of regular April 21, 2015, NNCL Board meeting, Statement of Revenue/Expenses, budget summary, bank accounts, and balance sheet reviewed and discussed; Review of bills to pay, checks written, monthly revenue reports from Neosho and Seneca, and tax checks conducted. Motion to approve the consent items by J. Burnett, second by C. Yaudas; motion carried.

**Staff Reports:**

Alicia Caradine has been hired as the part-time for Seneca and is currently in training at the main branch. An art donation was received from a patron and is currently on display in the library. Governor Nixon released all the funds for Fall 14 and Spring 15, but budgeted amount for 2016 looks to be significantly less than in past years. Need to upgrade to fiber optics in Seneca and hoping for grant funds to help with the cost.

**Old Business:**

## A. Presentation – Community Foundation

After an introduction by Blake Hierholzer from the Neosho Area Community Fund, Alice Wingo and Michael Chatman presented an overview of investment fund possibilities through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. An endowed fund would require an initial investment of \$10,000, while a cash fund would require an initial investment of \$500. An exploration committee was appointed consisting of M. Young, B. Styron, and J. Russell. G. Ray will research Missouri law regarding usage of the library monies currently in CDs.

B. Brief discussion concerning the progress on possible installation of a tiny library in the Granby area.

**New Business:**

None

Motion made by B. Styron to adjourn Open Session; 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Cox; motion approved. Open Session adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Next regular board meeting: June 16, 2015 at 4:00 P.M at the Seneca Branch Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Blackwood, Secretary