

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

October 15, 2021

Board Members Present: Keri Collinsworth, Tamie Williams, Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett, Rick Keeling, Chris Yaudas, Jake Heisten, Karina Cole, Beth Styron

Board Members Absent: None

Library Staff Present: Carrie Cline, Pam Mendenhall

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

Correspondence: None

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

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

Director's Report:

- Statistics were reviewed.
- Grant Updates: The lockers are in transit, we are not sure exactly where they are. The Mini Tech Grant is in the application process and if approved will supply new staff computers. The Strengthening Missouri Grant is in the application process and if approved will supply hot spots for checkout. The Summer Reading Program Grant is in the application process, we will be able to apply for \$15,000 for next summer.
- Upcoming events: November 6 is the Holiday Market across the street from the library. Library representatives will be present to pass out bookmarks which if presented at the FOL gift shop will give the patron a free Christmas ornament. Also on November 6 is the Citizens 4 Seneca Fall Festival. The library will have a table at the event to promote library activities and also the plans for the new library branch in Seneca. The library will participate in Neosho's Trail of Treats on Oct 29. The Annual Chamber Banquet is Nov 18 and the library is purchasing a table. On Dec 2 there will be Christmas at the Library followed by the lighting of the park. Dec 28 at 4 pm the library will hold the Naming of the Study Rooms event.

Old Business

- Bid Approval on EFIS: Jake made a motion to approve the BRANCO bid to repair the building's EFIS, the total bid amount being \$35,193. We will begin with an initial \$10,000 payment to start the work. Rick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

New Business

- The library will be closed the week of Dec 27th, in order to deep clean the facility. Phyllis motioned to approve the closure, and Karina seconded. All voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Phyllis, with a second by Karina. All were in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted, Keri Collinsworth, Secretary