

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

May 18, 2021

Board Members Present: Keri Collinsworth, Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Tamie Williams, Jake Heisten

Board Members Absent: Phyllis Blackwood, Rick Keeling, Jann Burnett

Library Staff Present: Carrie Cline, Pam Mendenhall, Terri Moser, Mark Mayfield

President Beth Styron called the meeting to order at 4:03.

Correspondence: Mark Mayfield wanted to express his thanks to the board for the yummy staff appreciation meal.

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

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

Director's Report:

- Statistics were reviewed, the library was closed until late April last year due to Covid.
- The Arvest foundation donated \$2,000 to the Summer Reading Program.
- The County and City are receiving Covid recovery funds. It is undetermined at this time how those funds will be used.
- Our state funds, through A&E, State Aid, and REAL funding, has been the most received in many years.
- Through the American Rescue Plan Act our State library has received funds that will be used for the following: MOLib2Go, HS equivalency certification program (online), homework help tutor (via online or phone), databases for teen resources, hiring a cataloger for Evergreen, and individual library grants (one which we will apply for- the award is \$20,000 to use toward a library "locker" to be placed in an outreach area).
- We currently have two employees (paid by MO job center) working at the library. One will be leaving soon.
- It is time for the audit, however she is running behind but will start our audit shortly.
- Julie Humphrey has resigned from the library board, applications for a city seat are now being accepted.
- A big thank you from the staff for the staff appreciation meal provided recently.
- Our June meeting will be held at the Seneca location.
- Our health plan is now managed by Insurance Benefits Consultants of Neosho.
- The Powers museum in Carthage is closing and generously giving us their book shelving.

Old Business

- Building Project Update: Branco will be done with the work this week.
- The windows need storm windows, which Branco has estimated will cost around \$3,000. Chris Yaudas made a motion to approve the Branco bid for storm windows between \$3,000-\$4,000. Beth seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

New Business

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

Respectfully submitted, Keri Collinsworth, Secretary