

## Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

June 15, 2021

Seneca Library

**Board Members Present:** Beth Styron, Rick Keeling, Chris Yaudas, Jake Heisten, and Karina Cole.

**Board Members Present Via Zoom:** Keri Collinsworth, Jann Burnett, Phyllis Blackwood

**Board Members Absent:** Tamie Williams

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline, Terri Moser, Mark Mayfield

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

**Correspondence:** none

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

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

**Director's Report:**

- Statistics were reviewed.
- The Library held the Summer Reading Kick Off Celebration, and Arvest presented the big check. Carrie handed out the Schedule of Events. This year, children can Adopt-A-Buddy, which is a stuffed animal that they can read to. It comes with an adoption certificate. Carrie got official approval from the City of Neosho to let Jason D'Vaude juggle fire in Big Spring Park. Our live-animal group cancelled at the last minute, and Pam found an amazing exotic animal petting zoo that cost less, and was much more hands-on. We were very fortunate to have found them!
- Since the last meeting, Carrie has ordered new signage, and we are waiting on installation.
- Our state funds, through A&E, State Aid, and REAL funding, has been the most received in many years.
- We are happy to have changed insurance carriers to a local Neosho company that can better serve our needs.
- Celebrate Neosho is coming up, and the Neosho Arts Council will host a special event about the Centennial Mural that lives at the library and was painted by Duard Marshall.
- There is a new grant opportunity with the Pandemic Funds.
- Carrie received the final \$50,000 check from La-Z-Boy. We are still waiting on instructions on signage.

**Old Business**

- Building Project Update: The storm windows are on back order, and the new door is being installed.

## **New Business**

- Land - Two plots of land in Seneca are available, and the land owner has approached Carrie, very interested in selling to the library for a future site. The board members need a few days to do their Due Diligence and see what the land is truly worth. Carrie will contact the gentleman and let him know that we are interested.
- New Trustee - Welcome to Karina Cole, newly appointed to the board!
- Study Rooms - The family of Billy and LeeAnn Johnson will be home this coming Christmas, and would like to celebrate the naming of the study rooms after their parents. We will attempt to have the signage complete by then.
- Granby Economic Development Committee Meeting - Beth reported that Granby has a new committee that had a great brainstorming session, and all agreed that they would like to see another library branch opportunity there. Could we help them out in some fashion? Everyone agreed that this would be a wonderful opportunity for the library.

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

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Cline, Acting Secretary.