

## Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

September 17, 2021

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

**Board Members Absent:** Beth Styron,

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline, Pam Mendenhall

Vice President Rick Keeling called the meeting to order at 4:00.

**Correspondence:** None

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

Chris moved to accept the consent agenda with the grammatical correction of omitting the word “will” in the 2<sup>nd</sup> item of the director’s report. Jann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Director’s Report:**

- Statistics were reviewed.
- Grant Updates: Lockers have been ordered and will be installed at Diamond City Hall, Stella at Clicks business, and a third location TBD in Granby. The mini tech grant will supply new staff computers and hot spots. The new hot spots will be placed throughout the communities.
- The home school programming will start this Friday, Sept. 24.
- Harry Potter Night has been postponed due to a lack of communication on the part of the city. The streets are being shut down during that time for the Neosho public school homecoming parade.
- Neosho staff will not be attending MLA this year, due to covid restrictions and concerns.
- The Neosho Chamber of Commerce banquet is in November at Indigo Sky Casino. Those staff/board members interested may attend.

**Old Business**

- Final reading and approval of 2022 Budget. Chris motioned to approve the proposed budget. Phyllis seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.
- Land update: The Seneca property has been closed on and is now ours. It cost \$595.00 in fees for closing. There will \$1500 in fees to remove dangerous materials prior to the Seneca FD burning the houses down, free of charge. Josh Dodson has graciously offered to fund a “Future Home of Seneca Library” sign to be placed on the property.

- The unsatisfactory repairs to the library annex were partially remedied. BRANCO came and resealed the bottom of the columns. They would not repair the painting/lack of sanding that was done. They also informed us that the wooden columns will need replaced in a few years.

#### **New Business**

- The EFIS damage may fall under our insurance policy, so a claim has been filed. There is metal stripping that came loose during a storm, which allowed water to detrimentally affect the integrity of the EFIS.

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

Respectfully submitted, Keri Collinsworth, Secretary