

**Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting  
March 15, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Mark Young, Melanie Cox, Beth Styron, Keri Collinsworth, Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett.

**Board Members Absent:** Jonathan Russell, Margaret Crook, and Chris Yaudas

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline, Sharon Meredith, and Pam Armstrong

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

**Introduction of Guests:**

Alice Wingo, Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Blake Hierholzer, Neosho Foundation of the Ozarks

**Correspondence/Public Comment** – none

**Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budget, Finance Reports**

Keri Collinsworth asked that the spelling of her name be corrected in the minutes.

Melanie moved to accept the agenda, Mark seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports**

Carrie Cline presented the statistics from the past month.

Story times and home school programs continue to be successful.

Dates to visit area schools are lining up, as the library will present the Summer Reading schedule to the families, and free books to those families with preschoolers.

The Library received a Mini Tech grant for new computers at both locations. The Neosho Friends of the Library will pay the 25% match for \$1301, and the Seneca Friends of the Library have been asked to pay the 25% match for their part, which totals \$235.

Carrie presented short-term CD rates or Money Market rates for the money just cashed out of the CD.

Carrie and Sharon talked to our Auditor about the Building project, and she gave good advice on how to proceed.

Annie Busch from Springfield will visit Carrie and Sharon and give pointers on our upcoming building project.

The core samples have been finished and we are now waiting for the results.

Carrie attended the Seneca Chamber of Commerce meeting, and everyone was very kind and seemed excited about the upcoming programming. She also got to visit with Chief Glenna Wallace and offered to help out in Seneca any way that we can in the future.

Have the board members looked at the mini videos about Board operation?

**Old Business:**

**Community Foundation of the Ozarks** – Alice and Blake told us again briefly what they do, and how they can help us with our building project by accepting large donations and handling all of the paperwork. They offer a .3% interest rate on their accounts, and Mark made a motion to invest the \$146,000 with them to open an account. Keri seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Proposed RFQ Reviewed** – Once the dates were set, the RFQ will be placed in the newspapers for the next two weeks and placed on our web site. They will be due April 15<sup>th</sup>, and

we will short list the applicants at the April board meeting. The finalists will give us their presentations on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> in the morning and a selection will be made.

**New Business**

**Audit Bids** – There were 2 companies bidding for the audit of the 2015 records. The CPA Group had a sealed bid for \$5600, and Nick Myers had a bid of \$6500. Mark made a motion to accept the bid from CPA Group, Keri seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment** – Keri made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jann seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Blackwood