

Neosho/Newton County Library Board Meeting
April 19, 2016 – 4 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jann Burnett, Keri Collinsworth, Melanie Cox, Margaret Crook, Jonathan Russell, Beth Styron and Chris Yaudas

Board Members Absent: Phyllis Blackwood and Mark Young

Library Staff Present: Carrie Cline, Library Director and Sharon Meredith, Assistant Director

Library Staff Absent:

Introduction of Guests:

None

Correspondence/Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report:

Melanie Cox moved to approve the minutes as presented. Keri Collinsworth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Questions were raised about the “accounts receivable” line item on the balance sheet and what it represented. Carrie Cline will discuss the entry with the accountants and get back to the board with an answer. The March 2016 financial report incorrectly showed the Hometown Bank certificate of deposit in the amount of \$146,165.76 with a maturity date of March 12, 2018. That CD matured March 12, 2016. It was redeemed and used to open an interest bearing account with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Consequently, a new line item reflecting this move is needed and will be reflected on the April 2016 financial report. Beth Styron moved to accept the financial report as amended. Keri Collinsworth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Director’s Report

Carrie Cline reminded Phyllis Blackwood, Beth Styron and Mark Young that their terms on the board are expiring soon and they need to reapply to the appropriate city/county governing body.

Participation at the Seneca Library branch is improving. The fiber optic Wi-Fi system is being upgraded by MoreNet to provide additional bandwidth at the library as the existing system is inadequate to handle demand.

Cline made a number of appearances, speeches and visits during the past month including at the fish hatchery, the Business Expo, the Rotary Club, the Seneca widow-to-widow meeting and a number of schools.

A little library has been approved for installation at the Neosho Senior Center. Cline is pursuing construction of this with the Boy Scout who constructed the other two for us. If he is unable to handle a quick turnaround, we will purchase one for installation.

The summer reading program is moving forward. Cline reported on a proposed partnership with local businesses for a reward card for participants completing the program. A May 21 kickoff event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the Neosho library. Seneca's kickoff will be the following Friday.

Cline also reported on plans for the new teen program, which will include movie and game nights and other fun events.

The Friends of the Library raised more than \$1,500 at the recent book sale, bringing their funds to more than \$7,000.

Mary Roundtree held a genealogy lock-in on March 25. Sadly, her husband passed away the following day.

Cline reported on the core sampling, which was done in advance of the library expansion efforts. Nothing significant was discovered, but drainage will need to be addressed during the construction phase.

Old Business:

The original six-month trial contract with Midwest IT for technology support is set to expire. Cline reported that the partnership is working well, and Keri Collinsworth moved to renew the existing contract for one year. Beth Styron seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Two companies were selected from those responding to the RFQs for the proposed library expansion: Branco Enterprises, Inc., and Farrell Construction, Inc. A laundry list of requirements will be provided to each firm along with a rough drawing of the proposed expansion for development of firm proposals. Presentations from each company will be scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on June 21 just prior to and following our regular monthly meeting.

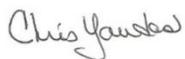
New Business:

None

Adjournment:

Melanie Cox moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Margaret Crook. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Yaudas, Secretary