

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

January 21, 2020

Board Members Present: Keri Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Beth Styron, Jann Burnett, Phyllis Blackwood, Chris Yaudas, Jake Heisten (left prior to closed session)

Board Members Absent: Tamie Williams, Rick Keeling

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

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

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

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

Director's Report:

- Statistics were reviewed. The total comparative statistics between 2019 and the year prior are skewed, due to the library's closure during construction.
- The "Christmas at the Library" event went wonderfully, as did the Christmas Parade. We won the award for the "Most entertaining" entry in the parade.
- The City of Neosho and the Chamber of Commerce have approached the library regarding cooperative events in the upcoming year.
- The FOL has graciously offered to pay for a t-shirt for every child participating in the summer reading program! Thank you FOL!
- We received a summer reading program grant in the amount of \$8,600 for our "Imagine Your Story" summer reading program.
- We have installed a hanging system for artwork, to be used for upcoming art shows.
- Bedbugs are becoming a prevalent problem in libraries. To ensure that it does not become a problem in our library we will have a free initial assessment done.
- March 11 is Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City. Carrie will be attending, along with any board members who would like to attend.
- Carrie has received many calls regarding legislation that is being drafted in the MO House of Representatives regarding inappropriate content in some libraries. She has answered the questions intelligently and represented our library well.

New Business

- A.** The board approved purchase of a copier for staff use. The motion was made by Chris, seconded by Julie, and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Phyllis to adjourn open session and go into closed session, to discuss personnel issues, pursuant to section 610.021, subsection 3. Roll call vote was taken with all voting affirmative. Closed session was held, and Phyllis made a motion to adjourn closed session, with all voting in the affirmative. Jann motioned to re-enter open session, with Chris seconding the motion and all votes in the affirmative.

Phyllis motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Julie seconded. All voted in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Keri Collinsworth, Secretary