

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

June 16, 2020

Board Members Present: Rick Keeling, Jann Burnett, Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Jake Heisten, Phyllis Blackwood.

Board Members Absent: Keri Collinsworth, Tamie Williams & Julie Humphrey

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

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

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report

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

Director's Report:

- Carrie presented the May statistics.
- Carrie did receive the CARES grant from the State Library for \$19,922. This will fund a new self checkout station for nontouch checkout by patrons, and a complete website makeover for better online service to our community.
- Newton County received over \$6 million in CARES money to disburse for supplies, PPE and cleaning already funded. Carrie will turn in receipts for items purchased and paid for from March through December of 2020.
- A sinkhole opened up behind the library in Seneca. Our landlord promptly filled it in with over 800 pounds of concrete.
- The State Library continues to update us weekly with Tuesday Zoom meetings. Our REAL funds and State Aid has not been withheld yet, but can be withheld at any time by the governor.
- The Summer Reading Program will have to continue to be virtual due to the rise in Covid cases in Newton County, but Pam and her team have been doing many fun things. We have the weekly story walk in the park. There are craft kits available in the library. We have been to several Farmer's Markets to hand out free Disney books that we received and promote our program. We have a fun new punchcard system to include our senior homes and YMCA kids.
- The Friends of the Library are going to focus on their Volunteering, and move their meetings to every-other-month, and get ready for their book sale in September.
- The library is ready for the audit, although it has been delayed until July.

Old Business

A. Next reopening phase proposal

The library would like to close for a week at the end of the month to give the building a rest, quarantine the collection further, and hire Kim and her team to deep clean and sanitize everything more than we do every day. We have been open for over a month, but with the rise in cases, the staff could use a break, and the patrons would appreciate the preventative measure. The board suggested closing one day a month also to deep clean going forward.

New Business

A. Signage Discussion

Carrie showed some sign ideas by Sign Designs using our new logo in front of the Neosho Library. Right now we are just gathering ideas and deciding what we like. We can make decisions later based on our budget.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rick seconded, and it was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Cline.