

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday May 18 at 3:00 pm at the Galena Library. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Those present were Jim Huy, Mary Carlson, Angie Evans, Pam Sheridan and George Scott. Also present were Librarian Colleen Knight, library employee Patricia Roman.

Mr. Scott called the meeting to order. The minutes from the previous minutes were reviewed. Ms. Evans moved that the minutes be approved. Ms. Carlson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

The Treasurer's Report for March and April was examined by the Board. Ms. Knight reported that the remaining CD was cashed in and money is the interest bearing checking account. Ms. Huy moved that treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Ms. Evans seconded. All members voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Knight gave the librarian's report. Updates were given on current projects. Parton construction completed most of the items on the maintenance list; still outstanding were window tint for Galena and painting the shutters at Crane. Ms. Knight also reported that the brick above the windows at Crane was leaking again.

The Crane Teen Center is completed other than some signage, book display areas, and chairs. However all teen books have been moved to the area and security system has been installed, along with a TV and DVD player to the meeting room. Galena has received the new computers and they are up and operational. Blue Eye's bandwidth has been increased to 10 Mb and Galena's upgrade to 15 Mb should happen in June.

Circulation is continuing to grow at 18% although we are beginning to see a slowdown in the growth rate. Computer use, program attendance, and visitation are continuing to grow at a slower rate also.

Summer Reading program, "Build a Better World" begins June 1st with registration starting May 15th. The program this year includes over 100 programs in 2 months. This year, we added online registration.

In other business, a discussion was held on acquiring health Insurance for employees. Ms. Knight reported the results of her investigation into the matter. The board had additional questions for Ms. Knight to investigate. **Ms. Carlson** made a motion to table the discussion until the questions had been answered. **Ms. Sheridan** seconded. All members voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

In other new business, Mr. and Mrs. Perry who own the building beside the Crane Library contacted the library board last month with an offer to buy their building for \$75,000 to provide future expansion of the Crane Library. **Mr. Huy** made a motion that purchase the building next door from the Crane Library from Mr. Perry for the purchase price of \$75,000, half due upon signing the contract and the other half due upon gaining possession of the building before 01-01-2018 and that Mr. Scott was authorized to negotiate and sign the contract for the library. Ms Evans seconded. All members voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Sheridan reported the passing away of Janice Settles, a member of the Friends of the Blue Eye Library and an influential person in the building of the Blue Eye Library. She asked about a memorial to be placed in the Blue Eye Library. After discussion, it was agreed that some type of memorial would be appropriate.

Mr. Huy made motion to adjourn. Ms. Evans seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Colleen Knight, Secretary