

Regular Board Meeting

September 15, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday September 15, 2016 at 3:00 pm at the Galena Library. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Those present were Angie Evans, Jim Huy, Pam Sheridan, Mary Carlson and George Scott. Also present were Librarian Colleen Knight, library employees Patricia Roman and Debbie Bridges, Americas Representatives Michael Short and Rick McConnell, and patron Elizabeth Carty.

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

The agenda was amended to hear from Americas Representatives first as they had to drive back to Kansas City. Mr. Short explained the details of certificate of participation (COP) refinance to board. The library would have an initial principal payment of \$325,000 to reduce the library's indebtedness and would refinance at a much lower interest rate of 2.0 to 3.0%. The library current has a 4.625 to 5.00% rates on the COPs. This refinance would save the library system \$158,554.74 over the course of 10 years of the COP.

Mr. Huy made a motion to approve the issuance and delivery of refunding certificates of participation for the purpose of refinancing certain project costs with Americas. Ms. Evans seconded. All members voted in favor. **Motion carried.** Closing on the refunding is scheduled on Sept. 29th, 2016.

The library board heard from Elizabeth Carty about the removal of books. She was concerned that some of the classics are being removed. Letters from 3 other members of the public were also read concerning the same matter. Ms. Knight explained the criteria and the reasoning behind the removal. She also explained that some were being replaced and others can be obtained through interlibrary loan. The library board directed Ms. Knight to explain the removal of books in writing to the other concerned patrons.

The Treasurer's Report for July and August was examined by the Board. Ms. Huy moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Ms. Sheridan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Knight gave the librarian's report. Circulation is still almost 35%. Program attendance is climbing at 55%. Ms. Knight also gave a summary of the successful Summer Reading program and talked about upcoming programs. The library has been chosen as 1 of 9 MO libraries to participate in a pilot program, Edge. Edge helps libraries access their technology needs and put in place an action plan to address some of them.

The board then moved to other business. Bids were reviewed to remove the old skylight at Crane. Mr. Huy made a motion to accept the bid from Express Roofing. Ms. Carlson seconded. All members voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Also discussed were the mullins from the windows at Crane were falling down and needed replaced. A quote of \$3250 had been obtained. The board felt this was too high and not necessary for just cosmetic work. A decision was made to have the mullins removed with no replacement.

The board then went into a strategic planning session.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Huy. Mrs. Evans seconded. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully, Colleen Knight, Secretary