

Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

April 18, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday April 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Those present were George Scott, Jim Huy, Mary Carlson, and Pam Sheridan.

The Director introduced two new staff members—Tina Sandstrom who will be working at the Crane Branch, and Johnathan Boan who works at the Galena Branch.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Mr. Huy motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Carlson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Next the treasurer's report was shared. The balance for treasurer's cash at the end of March was \$958,651.29 and the building reserve was at \$196,016.24. There was a large payment for the month for the Mango Languages subscription, and a \$6,000 payment to the Village of Blue Eye to cover the annual rent. Utility costs are lower now that the weather has turned more mild. Mrs. Carlson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mrs. Sheridan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Payne shared the librarian's report. She shared that numbers overall were a bit lower than March 2018, although there was a large jump in usage of electronic books & audiobooks.

In Crane the building is progressing. The awning is up, so the book drop and lights should be done soon.

In Blue Eye Mrs. Payne attended the school board meeting on April 17th, along with Mrs. Sheridan and several community members. The Branch Manager, Beth McConnell, presented a powerpoint to the School Board about the library in Blue Eye. Both Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Sheridan felt that the School Board may not want to sell any land. The board briefly discussed other location options, such as Lampe, but feel that Blue Eye is the preferred location. Mrs. Sheridan stated that she believes the school owns property between the current buildings and the Arkansas border. She plans to check on that and report back. Mrs. Sheridan asked about starting a PR campaign in the community. Mrs. Payne suggested having the Friend's Group write letters to the School Board in favor of the transaction. Mrs. Sheridan asked if Sunshine laws applied to school board meetings and asked if the library could request a copy of the minutes to see if anything was discussed after the library representatives left. Mrs. Payne stated that it should be a possibility. Mr. Scott and Mr. Huy discussed driving to Blue Eye to look around and see if there is another location in town that might work for a library.

Mrs. Payne then shared updates for Galena. She shared that the flooring will be delivered on Friday the 19th and the plan is to install it that weekend. She shared that a tiger stripe wood flooring was selected. The plan is to also install a chair rail and paint to cover the dings and dents in the wall. She also shared that the front doors of the Galena building have been re-finished. Mrs. Payne next brought up an issue with one of the external cinderblock walls that has moisture leaking through, due to the large flower planters along the outside of the wall. She's received two proposals to fix the issue. The first is from Foundation Recovery Systems. Their solution would involve putting a cutter in the floor, that routes to a sump pump, and would cost around \$4,800. The second proposal received was from David Baldwin and would involve pulling the soil out of the beds and coating the interior. He estimated \$3,500. Mr. Scott

suggested digging out 2 feet of dirt and putting in a cement liner. The other option would be capping the whole thing off. Mr. Huy suggested putting in a French drain. Mr. Scott asked Mrs. Payne to have David Baldwin contact him and they could discuss some options. Mr. Scott felt some kind of liner would be the best solution.

Mrs. Payne reminded the Board that April 22nd is the community forum in Crane. She shared that Commissioner Wayne Blades plans to attend. Mr. Huy felt that it would be good to have someone give a short talk on the history of the library building in Crane, and include some of the reasons why the expansion is needed. He also asked how the board would like to elicit input, such as notes on a flip chart. Mrs. Payne said she plans to write down the suggestions and make sure there is a large flip chart and easel. Mr. Huy also said that it would be good to have name tags for the library board. Mrs. Payne said she would bring name tags. Mr. Scott said he planned to arrive at 5:30.

Next Mrs. Payne stated that Mr. Huy's board term is up in June of this year. She plans to post the opening in May and will email him when it has been publicized, so that he can reapply if he is interested.

Mrs. Payne shared the library meeting room policy for Stone County and then shared the policy for Christian County Library. Her concern is that the SCL policy makes it difficult for outside organizations to reserve the meeting room. Mr. Huy motion to strike the "Meetings will be free and open to the public" clause from the policy. Mrs. Sheridan seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Sheridan voiced concern that any group could now use the room, to the detriment of the rest of the community. Mrs. Payne suggested inserting a clause that gives library programs, Friend's Group programs, and government organizations priority. Mrs. Carlson made a motion to insert such a clause. Mr. Scott seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Scott brought up the Crane building and mentioned that the front needs tuck pointing done. He would also like to have work done to make the brick colors match better. Mrs. Payne said that she will check with Branco and see if they have any recommendations for a mason that can do the work.

Mr. Scott stated that putting a flag on the flag pole probably won't be an option because of the tree limbs hanging over. Mrs. Payne said that she can talk to the owner of the property and see if permission would be granted to trim the trees back enough to put up a flag.

Mrs. Payne asked if the board has an objection to her purchasing two staff laptops. The cost would be under \$2,000 and there is room in the budget for it. The board felt that this was fine, and no special permission needed to be granted.

There were no members of the public in attendance to address the board.

Mrs. Carlson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Huy Seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held May 16, 2019 at 3 PM.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne

Recording Secretary