

Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

July 18, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday July 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Those present were George Scott, Angie Evans, Laci Maxwell and Pam Sheridan.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Maxwell 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 June was \$878,334.60 and the building reserve was at \$196,388.03. Mrs. Maxwell made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mrs. Evans seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Payne shared the librarian's report. She shared that numbers were up at all 3 branches, with the exception of Blue Eye patron visits. She next shared that she had not heard anything from the Blue Eye Schools regarding the land acquisition request. The board discussed some alternative options. Mr. Scott suggested having a booth during the Blue Eye Reunion and spreading the word in the community that the library is looking for land. Mrs. Payne also shared that it might be a good place to do a membership drive for the Friends of the Library Group that is starting.

Next, Mrs. Payne shared that Julie Bryce, a Crane employee, is starting an outreach project to the residents of the nursing home in Crane. Mrs. Payne wants to see how this goes and then plans to roll it out around the county. Mr. Scott suggested keeping a record of the numbers for review. Mrs. Payne stated that she planned to do so, since that could be used on the State Statistical report. Mr. Scott also suggested putting an article in the newspaper. Mrs. Payne says that she will once the kinks have been worked out and they are ready for higher numbers of people requesting homebound service. She stated that she has asked other libraries who do similar programs for information.

Mr. Scott previous to the meeting asked Mrs. Payne to research the insurance policies the library holds. Mrs. Payne shared with the Board that the library has four policies. Eustlers insurance for employee liability and acts of terrorism, and Smart Insurance handles the policies for worker's compensation, building insurance, and the bond for the director. She asked the board if they wanted her to look into consolidating all under Smart. Mrs. Evans felt that it is good to try to keep some local, and the rest of the board agreed.

Mrs. Payne next shared that a group was working on forming a Friends of the Library Group. She shared that the group would be for all three branches. She stated that they are currently working on the by-laws, and have already filed for the charter with the state. She expects them to hold a membership drive at each of the branches, and the core group are planning to rotate meetings among the branches. Mrs. Payne shared that the group's main goals will be to help with fundraising, as well as provide extra hands for events and marketing.

Next, Mrs. Payne shared that the architects want to set up a meeting to meet with the board, so that details can be finalized and paperwork for bids can be started. After some discussion it was decided to

set a special board meeting on Thursday July 25th at 5 PM, provided that time works for the architect. She told the board she would notify them when the date and time had been confirmed.

Mrs. Payne also notified the board that at the August meeting they would need to hold the tax levy meeting.

Mrs. Sheridan shared a couple of ideas regarding land in Blue Eye. She wondered if it would be possible for the City to gain additional land next to the community building and then lease it to the library to build on. Mrs. Payne shared that there is also a possibility of land across the road from the current building, but it would need to be annexed by the City.

Mrs. Payne shared that she had received the valuation from the county and it is approximately \$30,000 over the previous year.

Mrs. Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Maxwell seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

The next meeting will be held August 15, 2019 at 1 PM.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne

Recording Secretary