

Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

September 19, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday September 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Those present were George Scott, Angie Evans, Jim Huy, Pam Sheridan and Laci Maxwell.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Sheridan 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 August was \$618,542.90 and the building reserve was at \$195,822.67. Mr. Huy 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. Statistics for August were shared. The board then discussed the continued plans for the Crane renovation. The board was not happy with the location of the ramp and suggested moving it to the existing building. They also discussed leaving the doorway to the kitchen with steps, since it will primarily be used by staff. Mr. Scott mentioned the doorway between the meeting space and kitchen area being changed to a sliding door and removing the concession window. Mr. Huy made a motion to approve the new plans via email instead of in-person meeting. Mrs. Maxwell seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Payne next shared that the City of Crane had been having issues with homeless and transient individuals loitering on Main Street. The Library changed the wi-fi hours to 9-7 Monday-Friday and 9-5 on Saturdays to help limit the problem.

Next, Mrs. Payne discussed Blue Eye. She shared that Mr. Settles requested a meeting between the City Council and the Library Board. The Board decided that members would attend the next the City meeting in October. Mrs. Sheridan asked what had happened with the school board decision. Mrs. Payne shared that she had received a letter from the superintendent stating that the school district was not interested in selling land to anyone. She also mentioned that Mr. Settles had not been able to contact the property owners on the other side of the schools to mention the library's interest. Mrs. Payne also shared that from her understanding the Mayor of Blue Eye was not thrilled with the idea of the library getting some of the land held by the City. Mrs. Payne stated that she would find out the details of the next meeting and email them out to the board.

Galena updates were shared next. Mrs. Payne stated that someone had been using the library spigot for personal use. She had the handle taken off for the time, and was planning to put a locking box around it. She also shared that a "library parking" sign had been posted

Mr. Huy next mentioned that he and Mrs. Payne had been working on creating a pay scale that would be more in line with how the county handles pay and includes step pay based on merit. Mrs. Payne shared that she would like it to take effect January 1st. Mr. Scott asked if the library needed to look into health insurance again. Mrs. Payne shared that she had been investigating some options for small businesses. She asked if the board would want to offer it to full-time and part-time employees. Mrs. Evans asked if age mattered in the options Mrs. Payne was looking at. Mrs. Payne stated that she had not found

anything about that yet. Mrs. Evans shared that her business found that the prices jumped significantly after the first year and age of employees made a big difference. Mrs. Payne shared that she knew there were options in Springfield for pay-as-you-go services. Mrs. Maxwell shared that her Uncle works for one called Quality Healthcare Clinic, and they charge \$60 per month for an individual. Mrs. Payne stated she would look into it.

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

The next meeting will be held October 17, 2019 at 1 PM.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne

Recording Secretary