

Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

August 19, 2021

Beginning Time: 1:10 PM

Ending Time: 2:03 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, August 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Seaton. Present were George Scott, Angie Evans, Steve Seaton, Nina Grayson, and Craig Swenty. Public presence: none.

Public hearing of the .10 tax levy was first on the agenda. No public present. The .10 levy hasn't changed in 40+ years. Ms. Payne said it fulfills the needs of the library and she sees no reason to change it. Ms. Evans made motion to accept .10 tax levy for another year. Mr. Swenty seconded it. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Correction in spelling of Ms. Grayson's name was noted. Ms. Grayson made a motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting. Mr. Swenty seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

The balance for the treasurer's cash at the end of July was \$294,145.00. Ms. Payne reported the figure might actually be \$500 more due to software change at the county. The building reserve was at \$108,145.00. Upcoming expenses courier to Blue Eye (\$3,200-\$3,600), ebooks (\$3,800), debt service on building in Galena (\$8,000-\$9,000), internet (\$6,000-\$7,000), audit (\$11,000) and circulation management system (<\$4,000). Mr. Scott made motion to accept treasurer's report. Ms. Evans seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Librarian's Report:

Circulations numbers across the branches look good.

Crane

Cameras installed and operating, just waiting on viewing box to be set up at the front desk. Digital check-out is up. Patron visits are back to where they were before construction.

Galena

Parking lot was scheduled, but had to be postponed due to lack of help. Sprinkler service completed.

Blue Eye

Plans for carpet cleaning to be done in October. The current cleaning crew will rent a machine, and clean the carpet.

Reeds Spring Holds Locker

Nothing to report

Outreach

Visited 3 schools to promote all the ways the library can support the teachers and students. Two more schools are scheduled for September. Things are favorable to go to the schools to facilitate storytimes for primary grade levels. Also, looking at the same with Head Start, a couple of daycares and The Boys & Girls Club starting in Crane. The schools really appreciated all the performers the library funded during the Summer Reading Program, which has opened doors.

General

Ms. Payne reported that the MLA conference is scheduled for September. She, Beth McConnell, Pam Wood, and Jenifer Myer will be attending. At the conference Ms. Myer will be presented with a scholarship to help further her Master's Degree of Library Science. Ms. Payne will, also, hold a pre-conference table talk.

No motion needed on Librarian's Report.

Other Business

Ms. Payne reported that she will be talking with the Rotary Club about their grant focusing on the fact that the grant will aid in building our coding program. No motion needed.

Motion made to go into closed session. Mr. Scott made motion. Ms. Grayson seconded motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

No decisions were made in closed session.

Next regular meeting: September 16, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Swenty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne, Director