

Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

July 15, 2021

Beginning Time: 1:05 PM

Ending Time: 2:15 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, July 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Present were George Scott, Angie Evans, Steve Seaton, Nina Grayson, and Craig Swenty. Public presence: none.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Ms. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting. Mr. Seaton seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The balance for the treasurer's cash at the end of June was \$360,468.05 and the building reserve was at \$108,112.37. Ms. Payne reported an estimate of assess evaluation of \$745,268.78 from county, which is an increase of approximately \$50,000. We might not receive the full amount, but still an increase. A last check to Hamby Construction. Upcoming expenses auditors and internet for all the branches of \$12,000-\$15,000. Ms. Grayson made motion to accept treasurer's report. Mr. Seaton seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

#### **Librarian's Report:**

Circulations numbers across the branches look good. Galena's numbers look high due to high volume of circulation of items being sent to and from here. Ms. Payne talked about SRP and the performers at the schools, which were paid for with a grant. Another grant, The American Resource Grant of approximately \$9,000 is being used to assist area schools in one year use of Tumblebooks. Ms. Payne is scheduling with area schools on Teacher In-Service days to speak to the staff to promote ecard and educator cards and with partnering with them to help promote all the library has to offer.

#### **Crane**

Camera installation is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>. Crane has had issues with some unruly 12-year-old boys. One was banned for a week. A staff member was also harassed by a patron, which has resulted in Ms. Payne sending a letter stating their actions were unacceptable and if it happens in the future a ban will take place. Mr. Scott asked about a policy regarding that. Ms. Payne reminded the board one was voted on a couple of years ago and is in effect. Mr. Scott, also, asked about police presence. Ms. Payne said the branch manager reached out to him and he has made an appearance and will periodically drop by. No further discussion.

#### **Galena**

Lighting project completed. Accepted bid for parking lot improvement signed and returned. Ms. Payne said she has reached out a couple of time and hasn't gotten a reply.

#### **Blue Eye**

Village of Blue Eye would like for branch manager to represent the library in their parade on horseback, as in long ago. The board felt this is a liability and said no, but said someone driving a horse and buggy and she in the buggy would be fine. Ms. Payne reported on a possibility of a new building being built soon and getting with the owners to see what exactly they are building. Blue Eye's biggest program number was 40 for a Sheep Herding event.

### **Reeds Spring Holds Locker**

Mr. Swenty informed WPA building being sold for \$1 and city looking for a place to build and are interested in partnering with the library, so to have a library in Reeds Spring with a long-term lease in mind for the library.

### **Outreach**

Pam Woods represented the library in Galena, Hurley, and Crane for their Independence Day celebrations. The library will be at area fall festivals and in parades.

### **General**

Mr. Scott proposed for the board to buy a specialty made children's bench from local artist and sculptor, Brian Rance. The bench comes with side table and palm trees for the cost of \$10,000. Ms. Evans asked if there is money available for that. Ms. Payne said there is about \$20,000 that has not been named, but had hoped to use it to rebuild our savings. Mr. Scott said Mr. Rance is willing to take half now and have next year. Ms. Greyson asked if there was a problem to pay in full, the answer was no. Ms. Grayson made motion children's bench, side table, and palm trees from Mr. Rance for \$10,000. Mr. Swenty seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Scott inquired about the new logo and Ms. Payne responded that some changes were being made. No further discussion needed.

**No motion needed** on Librarian's Report.

### **Other Business**

Time for Election of Officers. All stayed the same, with the exception of Ms. Evans conceding the position of Secretary to Nina Grayson, which she accepted. Officers now stand as: Mr. Scott as President, Mr. Seaton as Vice-President, Mr. Swenty as Treasurer, Ms. Grayson as Secretary, and Ms. Evans as Alderman. Ms. Evans made motion to keep officers as is with exception of the secretary position. Mr. Swenty seconded it. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Next regular meeting: August 19th, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

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

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne, Director