

Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

January 21, 2022

Beginning Time: 1:05 PM

Ending Time: 2:04 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, January 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Board President George Scott. Present were Steve Seaton, Nina Grayson, and Craig Swenty.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. 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 October was \$121,062.78 and the building reserve was at \$108,261.22. Ms. Payne reported that revenue from the county was a little lower than expected. Overall, approximately, \$40,000.00 less for the entire year. She, also, reported that we received \$15,000 in grant money for 2021 and expect to receive \$14,000 more in 2022. Mr. Grayson made motion to accept treasurer's report. Mr. Swenty seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Librarian's Report:

Ms. Payne's Librarian's Report was based off of 2021 Stone County Library Annual Report. Blue Eye circulation numbers were down, but Galena's and Crane's numbers were up. Across the board, all branches computer usage and patron numbers were up. Ms. Grayson noticed that the program numbers were up at Blue Eye, while circulation numbers were low and wondered why. Ms. Payne reported that program numbers are high due to outreach and going into the schools for Summer Reading programs. Mr. Scott asked about program numbers for the entertainers that the library provides and was given the same answer, that the entertainers go to the schools and that's where our numbers come from. Ms. Payne reported that program numbers for the summer of 2022 should increase due to being able to go into Reeds Spring schools for our Summer Reading program.

Crane

Bid for tuck-point and sealant of building. See Other Business below.

Galena

Nothing new to report.

Blue Eye

Nothing new to report.

Reeds Spring Holds Locker

Nothing new to report.

Outreach

Ms. Payne feels that the library is making a difference in our county. She has meet with each school and English classes giving a tutorial of our website and all we have to offer. Each student and many teachers now have an ecard to utilize our website. Ms. Payne's future goals are to create video tutorials that educators and students can refer to when navigating our website.

Future Goals

Ms. Payne would like to add "follow-along" audio books, pair them with print books

No motion needed on Librarian's Report.

New Business

Ms. Payne introduced the Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. She informed the board that 3 surveys were given. One to the staff, another to the patrons, and the last to targeted community leaders. She reported a tie on the mission statement, and decided to utilize one as a mission statement and the other as a vision statement. Reviewing benchmark comparison of other libraries compatible to us, allowed for Ms. Payne to set goals. Some goals are to increase electronic resources, outreach, expanding Books 2 Go, reaching all Pre-K with a Storytime and reaching out to Senior Center in Kimberling City. She, also, wants to circulate atypical library items such as fishing rods, baking pans, sewing machines, etc... This seems to be the trend in other libraries in our consortium and was requested by patrons on the surveys. A continuing goal is to better serve the southern part of the county. Ms. Payne asked if there were any questions and none was received.

Next regular meeting: January 20th, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

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

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne, Director