Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

September 22, 2022

Beginning Time: 1:16PM

Ending Time: 1:58 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, September 22, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Present were Mr. Steve Seaton, and Mr. John Powers. No public present.

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Ms. Payne reported that the invoice from the auditors was received and paid. The only other big expense for the month is for the internet at approximately $7500.00. Mr. Seaton made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Mr. Powers seconded. All in favor.  **Motion carried**.

**Librarian’s Report:**

First, Ms. Payne reported that Galena circulation numbers saw a huge increase this month, across all branches digital usage and patron visits saw an increase while computer usage remained stable. Ms. Payne, also, reported the survey results regarding reopening on Saturdays and or having extended hours showed most patrons were not in favor of either and are content with Monday through Friday hours. Next, Ms. Payne gave an update on our phone system with LOSH, stating that she would like LOSH to be our servicer. We would still use CenturyLink line, but not the service. She reported the initial set up would be $250.00 with a bill of $50.00 per month, stating that LOSH doesn’t charge per call, only per line. This is a significant saving in the long run. Finally, Ms. Payne gave a report about her trip to Tennessee to attend the ARSL conference. She said it was very beneficial. Some of the workshops she attended were: grant writing, staff development, customer services, and policies writing. Mr. Seaton asked who paid for the expenses. Ms. Payne informed him that the State Library covered 75% with the library covering the rest. Mr. Powers made a motion to switch the phone service to LOSH. Mr. Seaton seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Crane**

Pam Woods is now the new branch manager. She will still be primary director for outreach and Youth Service. Taylor Baldwin has been hired as an assistant for Youth Services and Outreach coordinator. The inventory has been completed and no issues were found.

**Galena**

Ms. Payne reported that all STEM kits had been processed and routed to branches due to Cathy Noll’s diligence in completing the task. MoDot completed the sidewalk just in time for Fair on the Square and our donation only book fair. The Fair on the Square committee asked Ms. Payne for the use of our parking lot for handicap parking. Staff who will be working at the event will also park in our lot. The library will be hosting a donation only book fair to coincide with Galena’s Fair on the Square, September 24th from 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Blue Eye**

Staff computers need to be replaced. Ms. Payne has requested a quote from KPM. If nothing else, might pull a public computer. She wants to wait for the quote from KPM.

**Reeds Spring Holds Locker**

Nothing new to report.

**Outreach**

Both the Crane Broiler Festival and Blue Eye Reunion appearances went well. Upcoming events are still, Galena’s Fair on the Square, an education tour on September 23rd for Galena, Hurley, and Crane students with Reeds Spring students coming in October, Kimberling City Pancakes and 5K, and both Crane’s and Galena’s Christmas parades.

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

**Other Business**

Ms. Payne asked the board if they are in favor of her giving the staff a 4-day Christmas break from the 23-26. The board did not object. Ms. Payne suggested moving the pay scale and director’s review from November to October. Ms. Payne informed the board that the budget is already ready to be reviewed. Mr. Scott asked if it took into account the current inflation period and was assured that it does. Ms. Payne even stated that most libraries are not able to keep up with the inflation, but that isn’t the case for Stone County. After a bit of discussion, it was decided that the board would review the pay scale and director in October.

Ms. Payne made the board aware of a new bill that was passed in the Senate that public school librarians can be charged with a misdemeanor for material that may be deemed explicit in nature. This is a concern that could lead to public libraries being held to the same standard and consequence.

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

Mr. Seaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne, Director