Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

August 17, 2023

Beginning Time: 1:01 PM

Ending Time: 3:07 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, July 20, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Board president George Scott. Present were Steve Seaton, John Powers, and Sandy Haynes. No members of the public were present.

First on the agenda was the tax levy. Mr. Seaton made a motion to approve the 10 cent tax levy. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Ms. Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the correction of the misspelling of Mr. Seaton’s name. Mr. Seaton seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Ms. Lewis announced that ending cash for the month of July was $531,361.97. Building reserves stands at $108,655.98. The monies from taxes were $10,500. Major expenses were concrete work at crane at approximately $1500.00 and the internet bill for the year of approximately $6500.00. Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Mr. Seaton seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

**Friends of the Library:**

No members were present to speak. Ms. Lewis informed the board that the FOTL are still in the recruiting stage and will be at the Senior Fair in Cane at the branch. They have, also, applied for a grant with Rotary. No motion needed.

**Librarian’s Report:**

Summer Reading Program numbers were; school visits across all branches were approximately 2,581 children reached. Sixty kids reached the second level of reading goals, and 30 kids reached the third level. The second level was an ice cream party, and the third level was a pizza party. Staff members will be present in all schools for preschool Storytime for the 2023-24 school year.

Mr. Scott inquired about the audit. Ms. Lewis said so far it looked good with no major issues. She expects the physical packet to be in the mail soon.

**Crane**

The sidewalk in Crane has been repaired. Planning a Senior Fair with representatives from Wolfner Libraries, Stone County Health Department, Medicaid, etc... to provide attendees with information to assist them. It will be held in October during the Senior Meal.

**Galena**

Cleaners are doing a great job. KPM will be in to update server.

**Blue Eye**

Incident regarding the library’s affiliation with ALA. The library is not affiliated, but staff members may sign up and membership is paid for by the library. Ms. Lewis prefers ARSOL, which is a professional organization designed for rural libraries. Once again, the library is not affiliated, but staff members can sign up. The caller then asked if petitioners could be in the library. Ms. Lewis’s answer was they may reserve a meeting room and stand just outside the doors to either the meeting room or library entrances, if they are not blocking them, but they may not follow patrons around the library branches.

BE Staff member found a grant for a building project, but it stipulates that you must be ready to build. This led to real estate discussions. The board decided for Ms. Lewis to get in contact with Neta Jane Ayres, but Ms. Lewis requested that board members present her with a wish list. Galena building will be paid for in full in about 3 years, which will open funds for building. Mr. Scott wondered about purchasing the building from the Village of Blue Eye. Ms. Lewis agreed to attend a city council meeting and propose the idea.

**Reeds Spring Holds Locker**

To be moved to Reeds Spring City Hall’s new location by the first of September. Patron usage of it and the drop box are up.

**Outreach**

Staff members will be present at the Broiler Festival parade and Fair on the Square.

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

**Other Business**

The QSHRA health allotment plans were discussed again. The board agreed that one plan was subpar for the needs. Ms. Lewis talked about allotments if all staff are included and that if only full-time staff was allowed. Mr. Seaton suggested budgeting low and review after a year. After much discussion and an indecision on whether to offer to all staff or only full time, the board decided to table the discussion until more information was gathered. Mr. Powers made the motion to table the QSHRA discussion and revisit next month. Ms. Haynes seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

Next regular meeting: September 21st, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

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

Respectfully,

Rebecca Lewis, Director