Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

January 18, 2024

Beginning Time: 1:02 PM

Ending Time: 1:52 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, November 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Board president George Scott. Present were John Powers, and Angie Evans. No members of the public were present.

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Ms. Lewis reported that at the end of 2024 there was a surplus of $40,000. As of January, treasurer’s cash is $242,084.52 with building reserves at $157,415.00. Still waiting on State A&E. The big expense for this month is the payment on Galena building. Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

**Friends of the Library:**

No members were present to speak. No motion needed.

**Librarian’s Report:**

Ms. Lewis is working on the EOY county and annual report, which she will present at the February meeting. Digital items are up. Mr. Scott would like to see the operating costs of all 3 branches. Ms. Lewis is working on them and will present them at February’s meeting. Ms. Lewis has created a postcard to send to Kimberling City residents informing them of Stone County Libraries. The expense will be between $600-$800. Ms. Lewis informed that Crane now has fishing poles to offer their patrons and is working on getting them at Galena. They will be in circulation once a lending policy and liability policies are in place for non-traditional items.

Ms. Evans made a motion to amend the lending limits policy for non-traditional items. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Crane**

Ms. Lewis presented the cost to the board for an awning over the side door. The board decided to go with the premade awning. Ms. Evans made a motion to add a premade awning to the side door of the Crane building. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Galena**

Master Gardeners is working on a grant for an irrigation system, which would burrow under the sidewalk. After much discussion, the board needs more information and to see a detailed plan. Discussion was tabled.

**Blue Eye**

Nothing new to report.

**Reeds Spring Holds Locker**

Nothing to report.

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

**Other Business**

Ms. Lewis presented the board with an updated Employee Benefits Policy. Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the changes to the Employee Benefits Plan. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Ms. Lewis informed the board that the Administration Rule will become a state statute. There is also talk of making library board members an elected position. This would cause a financial burden on libraries across the state. On the plus side, the Secretary of State asked for State A & E to be fully funded for 2024. Finally, Library Advocacy Day is the beginning of February.

Ms. Lewis asked the board to approve a change in the agenda for June. Ms. Evans made a motion to change the date of the June meeting from June 20th to June 6th. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Next regular meeting: February 15, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

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

Respectfully,

Rebecca Lewis, Director