Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

February 15, 2024

Beginning Time: 1:03 PM

Ending Time: 1:46 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, February 15, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Board president George Scott. Present were John Powers, Steve Seaton, Sandy Haynes, and Angie Evans. No members of the public were present.

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The treasurer’s cash stands at $886,088.89 with building reserves at $112,285.15. Ms. Lewis reported that the bulk amount from property taxes of approximately $644,000 came in and is reflected in the treasurer’s cash amount. A little more will come in sometime in at the end of month with State A&E coming in sometime in April. The State Secretary of Libraries asked for the same amount (fully funded), but the State hasn’t approved the budget yet. No major expenses have happened since the last meeting. Ms. Evans made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Ms. Haynes 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 presented the board with a branch analysis report. She reported that cost per circulation has helped in controlling expenses for e-resources. E-card requests have gone up with 28 e-cards requested in January alone. More money will need to be allotted for digital items in the future. Ms. Lewis presented the Annual Report to the Stone County Commissioners. They were grateful and impressed with the library's commitment in reaching out to the community at large and becoming more involved. Ms. Lewis shared some concerns with bills in The House of Senate that might be approved. They are Bills 2498, 1574, and 1330. Bill 2498 would make it mandatory for library board members to be on a ballot in November instead of April. Either one is expensive. It would make Library Board members responsible for collection development. Bill 1330 puts the recent library admin rule into state statute. Bill 1574 would hold library personnel responsible if “obscene” material made it into the hands of a minor. The penalty is withholding State Aid or State A&E.

**Crane**

The awning for Crane is in, just waiting for it to be installed.

**Galena**

Ms. Lewis is waiting to hear from landscaping companies regarding the Master Gardener’s request for an irrigation system.

**Blue Eye**

Rental agreement signed for another year.

**Reeds Spring Holds Locker**

Nothing to report.

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

**Other Business**

Ms. Lewis asked the board to view the Library of Things lending policy and waiver so they can be put into circulation beginning in March. The waiver stipulates that the patron is responsible for proper use and care of non-traditional items. Mr. Seaton made the motion to begin circulation of the Library of Things with a signed waiver to begin in March. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Next regular meeting: March 21, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

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

Respectfully,

Rebecca Lewis, Director