Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

November 21, 2024

Beginning Time: 12:58 PM

Ending Time: 2:18 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 2024. Board President George Scott deferred the meeting to vice-president Steve Seaton. Present were Sandy Haynes, Angie Evans and new board member, Dawne Gardner. No members of the public were present.

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The treasurer’s cash stands at $474,541.31 with building reserves at $340,115.16. Ms. Lewis reported that $1,890.59 came in from county property taxes and $11,061.92 from State Aid. We will still get another check from the county in December which will be reflected in January’s bank statement. A credit of $14,215.92 was reflected from the switch of insurance companies. There were no unexpected expenditures this month. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

**Friends of the Library:**

Ms. Lewis reported that 6 people seem to be interested in joining FOTL after attending the book sale. The group will need to meet, elect officers and get a tax ID number to get a banking account established. **No motion needed.**

**Librarian’s Report:**

Library Advocacy ay is in February and Ms. Lewis plans to attend. She reports that she completed the Public Library Survey, which is an annual requirement from the state. Wonderbooks, much like books with records or cassette tapes, will be added to each branch as in-house use only at first and then may transition to circulation at a later date. Ms. Lewis attended an award ceremony at Silver Dollar City where she received a grant from the Table Rock Community Foundation. This grant will go to purchase telescopes for each branch to circulate. She wants to implement a program featuring the telescopes and Mr. Scott offered his farm for better viewing. Ms. Lewis also made a connection with Kimberling City Area Library’s director and some of their children’s staff members. She invited them to come and observe our programs for kids.

**Crane**

Our new insurance company asked for a new lock on the roof access door and the trap door to the basement. The roof access door has been completed. The basement trap door needs a special lock and should be installed next week if not sooner. They also suggested a cage on the ladder that leads from one roof to another. After much discussion the board suggested a piece of 2x12 board with hooks and a lock to be installed over rungs. Ms. Lewis will reach out to Mike Carlson to get that done.

**Galena**

A representative from the State Library visited and was impressed by all that we do to reach the community. Missouri House Representative, Burt Whaley will be here in December to tour our library.

**Blue Eye**

Ms. Lewis reported that Blue Eye’s program numbers are up. Ms. Haynes asked if there was an update on the building expansion. Ms. Lewis hasn’t been informed of any updates, but has reminded the branch manager at Blue Eye that the library hasn’t agreed to any expenses associated with the building, but when approached will request cameras to be installed on the addition.

**Reeds Spring Holds Locker**

Ms. Lewis reported to the board that Reeds Spring City Hall moved locations and that the library only found out about the move from an announcement on Facebook. Since we only had a week’s notice, the locker is still sitting at the former location. Ms. Lewis talked with the Stone County Health Department about setting it at their location, but they have limited space. New locations were brainstormed, and Ms. Lewis is going to check into possibilities.

**Outreach**

Cara from Blue Eye and Carolyn, our homebound/courier staff have teamed up to bring programs to the Kimberling City Senior Center. Most programs have been guest speakers.

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

**Other Business**

Ms. Lewis asked the board for input on shingle color for Galena building. Mr. Scott made a motion that the color of shingles for Galena roof be chosen at the discretion of the director. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Lewis presented the board with a bid for tinting the windows at Galena with the exception of the meeting room. Mr. Scott made the motion to accept the bid for the window tint with the color of the tint to be chosen at the discretion of the director. Ms. Haynes seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Lewis presented the board with a new phone system stating that it would save us $300-$400 each month and connect all 3 branches. Mr. Seaton made the motion to accept the bid for the new phone system with CPI. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Seaton asked Ms. Lewis where the budget stood. Ms. Lewis reported that she has taken into account expenses for the remainder of the year and that we stain at $36,000 under budget. The only that that will affect it is the tax revenue from the county that is expected in December, which she is planning to be lower than what was projected by the county. Ms. Lewis did inform the board that the library will probably be at the million-dollar mark within a couple of years which will require more paperwork and signatures from the board. It will all depend on the new Secretary of State and their position with library funding.

Mr. Seaton made the motion to accept the budget as presented by the director. Ms. Haynes seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Lewis presented the board with the increase of premium to cover Crane and Galena which is $3404.00 a year. Mr. Seaton made the motion to accept the preium increase of $3404 annually to cover Crane and Galena. Mr. Seaton made the motion to accept the budget as presented by the director. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Next regular meeting: January 16th, 2025, at 1:00 pm.

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

Respectfully,

Rebecca Lewis, Director