Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

March 20, 2025

Beginning Time: 1:03 PM

Ending Time: 1:57 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, March 20, 2025. Present were George Scott, Angie Evans, Sandy Haynes, Dawne Gardner and Steve Seaton. 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. Ms. Haynes seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The treasurer’s cash stands at $405,242.51 with building reserves at $116,105.12. Ms. Lewis reported an amount of $15,574.00 current tax revenue and $12,000 from delinquent taxes were received. Atypical expenses of $68,971 for the payment on Galena building and the remainder of roof installation at Galena. Ms. Haynes made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Mr. Seaton seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

**Friends of the Library:**

Ms. Lewis spoke on behalf of FOTL. FOTL now has an EIN number. **No motion needed.**

**Librarian’s Report:**

Ms. Lewis reported that circulation and patron numbers were adequate with all the closing due to weather. Digital collection continues to climb. Ms. Lewis is working with the Senior Tax Board in getting Memory Kits to circulate in our library.

**Crane**

Plans to install a community garden are in the works. The library will erect a fence between them and the adjoining neighbor.

**Galena**

Window tinting will begin Friday, March 21st through the weekend.

**Blue Eye**

The new sign for Blue Eye is now on the building.

**Holds Locker**

Mr. Scott reached out to the manager at Cash Savers and he sounds interested in having the holds locker there. Ms. Lewis has followed up with an email and plans to stop in for a face-t0-face on Friday, March 21st.

**Outreach**

The library will be able to provide lunch at the Senior Fair thanks to a grant from the Senior Tax Board.

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

**Other Business**

Ms. Lewis proposed a new policy for new patrons limiting their first check-out to two items.

Ms. Haynes made a motion for a probationary period for new patrons limiting their first check-out to two items, excluding specialty items such as kits and non-traditional items. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Finally Ms. Lewis informed the board about some legislative updates. At the federal level there is a motion to eliminate IMLS which funds libraries. If this passes in September, the trickle-down effect would be discontinuing our participation with Missouri Evergreen. At the State level that is most concerning is House Bill 903. The State want to assess property as True Value assessments, which reduce our budget by 45% over the next 3 years. If that happens, Blue Eye branch will be closed and staff cuts will happen. We will be back to where we were 10 years ago. Very limited programs and no outreach.

Next regular meeting: April 17th, 2025, at 1:00 pm.

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

Respectfully,

Rebecca Lewis, Director