Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

April 18, 2025

Beginning Time: 1:01 PM

Ending Time: 1:50 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, April 18, 2025. Present were George Scott, Angie Evans, 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. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The treasurer’s cash stands at $795,495.51 with building reserves at $115,596.04. Revenue from the Railroad and Utility tax of $11,704 came in. The State A & E, plus State Aid will be arriving soon. Ms. Lewis reported that the State Secretary still plans on keeping the aid for libraries the same. Mr. Seaton made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**.

**Friends of the Library:**

With an EIN number, FOTL was able to establish a bank account. Many fundraisers have already been scheduled. **No motion needed.**

**Librarian’s Report:**

Ms. Lewis reported patron numbers were at BE and Galena were up and thinks the issue with Crane is a non-working door counter and staff manually counting all that visit the library.

**Crane**

Plans to install a community garden are in the works. The library will erect a fence between them and the adjoining neighbor. Installation of a utility sink in the maintenance closet will help with watering and cleaning of the building. Mr. Scott asked about the possibility of installing an outside spigot. Ms. Lewis will check on that.

**Galena**

Window tinting completed.

**Blue Eye**

Construction on the library’s end of the building has started. There is a possibility of an increase in rent.

**Holds Locker**

Still searching for a spot. Ms. Lewis was informed that the building where it is currently sitting will be sold. She is going to check with Claybough Mall and Branson West City Hall for possible locations. Mr. Scott said that he would try to reach the manager at Cash Savers Market.

**Outreach**

We now serve about 12 homebound patrons. A Senoir Fair is scheduled for the 28th. There are over a dozen resources, vendors and entertainment scheduled.

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

**Other Business**

Ms. Lewis updated the board on some house bills (HB). HB 903 will reduce personal property taxes. If it passes it will affect the libraries budget of a deficit of at least $100,000 each year. Which is doable once the Galena building is paid off but does not allow for wiggle room of any major unexpected expenses and salary increases as set by the state. HB1146 is putting the Admin. Rule for reconsideration complaints to be a state statute. Finally, if IMLS funding gets cut it could affect our participation in ME simply due to not being able to afford the courier service.

Next regular meeting: May 15th, 2025, at 1:00 pm.

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

Respectfully,

Rebecca Lewis, Director