Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

April 16, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Jann Burnett, Karina Cole, Keri Collinsworth, Chris Yaudas, and Phyllis Blackwood

**Board Members Absent:** Jake Heisten, Rick Keeling, Comer Parks, and Beth Styron

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline

Keri Collinsworth called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report**

Phyllis moved to accept the consent agenda and Jann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director’s Report:**

* Monthly library statistics were reviewed. The March door count was nearly twice what it typically is and circulation is also up from last year.
* The library hosted a successful Librarian Luncheon for local school librarians on Monday, April 8th.
* The library is also planning a Parents as Teachers night to connect with local parents and children enrolled in PAT. The event will be held in the Community Room on Monday, April 22nd.
* Library staff are putting the final touches on preparations for “Artisan’s Day” at the Neosho Farmer’s Market. This event will be held on May 4th.
* The 2024 Business Expo was held on a Thursday this year and hosted at Neosho Junior High School. The event was more sparsely attended than last year. The library won a voucher for radio advertisement services that will be used to promote the summer reading program
* Carrie returned from the Evergreen conference, which was an excellent forum for the group’s over 70 member libraries to plan and strategize on continuous improvement.

**Old Business**

* Board members and library staff are planning several in-person meetings with potential donors for the Seneca Library Project. Paragon has shared images and information that can be used to create a brochure outlining project details and naming rights opportunities. Beth has already identified naming rights opportunities that add up to the total project cost. Chris will work to create these marketing materials before meetings with potential donors.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

Phyllis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jann seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karina Cole, Secretary