Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

September 26, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Keri Collinsworth, Rick Keeling and Comer Parks.

**Board Members Absent:** Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett, Jake Heisten and Karina Cole

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline

President Beth Styron called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Introduction of Guests:** None

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

Keri moved to accept the consent agenda which included both sets of minutes (August 15th and Special Minutes) and Chris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director’s Report:**

* Statistics were reviewed.
* The entire staff took a day and moved the Genealogy/Local History and Makerspace Labs around to different rooms. It was a really hard move, but everyone did great and the new spaces work much better now for the public.
* Carrie and Pam attended ARSL (Association of Rural & Small Libraries) in Wichita, which is a national convention. It was very informative and we appreciate getting this opportunity.
* The book sale will be October 11-14th
* The library will be celebrating Glow Night on October 19th for the entire family.
* Home school programs have begun for the fall semester and the topic is Caves.
* Christmas at the Library will be held on November 30th, and we will be partnering with the Lighting of the Park event again.
* The parking lot was sealed and striped, and looks great!
* The audit should be finished soon.

 **Old Business**

* The second and final reading of the Proposed 2024 Budget was conducted. Included in the proposed budget were 3% staff raises, projected revenues, and Lagers contributions. The projected vs. actual budget from 2023 was also reviewed. Chris made a motion to approve the budget, Rick seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
* We discussed the Seneca Project before the upcoming committee meeting.

**New Business**

**Public Comments:** None

Comer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rick seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Cline, Library Director

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Attendants:

Carrie Cline, Beth Styon, Chris Yaudas, Comer Parks, Will Cook, and Jaime and Terry Lankford.

The video of the proposed building was presented, and discussion was held about fundraising, and which steps should be taken next.

Carrie will approach Branco for another estimate of costs, and we will formulate a handout and naming rights for the rooms.

The meeting was finished around 6 p.m.

We appreciate everyone that attended, and all of the great ideas!!