Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

June 18, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Keri Collinsworth, Beth Styron, Jann Burnett, Karina Cole, Chris Yaudas, Comer Parks, Phyllis Blackwood, and Rick Keeling

**Board Members Absent:** Jake Heisten

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline

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

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Correspondence:** None

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

Chris moved to accept the consent agenda and Keri seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director’s Report:**

* The May statistics were presented.
* Carrie attended the LAGERS Learn Conference, and discovered many things about the library’s long-standing retirement plan. We joined in 2005 and are on the same level we started on. It was incredibly educational, and Carrie hopes to attend again next year.
* The Summer Reading Program is in full swing, and the June numbers are really big. Since summer school is going on, attendance to programs is usually smaller in June, but we’ve had packed houses. Number usually double in July, so it should be interesting!
* Carrie attended the Missouri Public Library Director’s summer conference, and learned many useful things from the attorney who deals primarily with political subdivisions.
* The new doors that have been ordered for the front have finally arrived, and should be installed soon.

**Old Business**

* Brochures are being printed at Willis Printing to advertise naming rights for the Seneca Library Project. Initial visits with potential donors are being planned for the summer.

**New Business**

* A proposed amendment to the 2024 budget was presented. The amendment would add $4500 to revenues under a new Debt Collection (through Unique Management). It would also change Capital Outlay expenditures from $13,810 to $11,560 and Contingency spending from $12,810 to $10,560. Chris made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Phyllis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
* Three outdoor cameras are in need of replacement. The cameras were purchased in 2018 and the new IT system is not properly supporting the hardware. Repeated support call expenses are adding up as well. Funding for new cameras is already built into the budget.
* The library has been a member of LAGERS, the public library retirement system, for nearly 20 years. The system covers long-term retirement pay for vested employees, but benefits are dependent on the level at which the library invests in the system. The library has been at Level 1 since joining the system. Typically, member organizations increase levels of investment over time. Several long-term library employees are nearing retirement age, and retirement benefits provided to them through increasing level membership would be retroactive to their original date of employment. Options for increasing LAGERS levels and contributions were presented to the board and will be revisited in the August meeting after 45 days.

**Public Comments:** None

Phyllis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Comer seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karina Cole, Secretary