

**Franklin County Library Board Meeting  
April 6, 2021  
Charleston Library**

**Present:** Board members Rick Bradford, Milanie Matthews, J. J. Chronister, Linda Halmes, and Casey White (by Zoom); county librarians Deidre Fears and Hannah Hobbs; and ARVRLS director Misty Hawkins.

**Chairman Rick Bradford called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.**

**Minutes of previous meeting, as well as two e-mail polls, were made available to board members and staff prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Milanie, seconded by J. J., to accept. Motion carried.**

**Financial reports showed a balance of \$475,295.94 in County Library Fund. Ozark petty cash balance is \$5,049.81; Charleston is \$6,097.64. Balance of Ozark Library renovation is \$103,347.50. A motion was made by J. J., seconded by Linda, to accept financial reports. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS FROM LIBRARIANS:**

**A detailed report of Charleston Library activities was provided by Hannah. In addition to the many activities outlined in the attached report; library staff has already started the planning for summer reading program. Hannah is making plans for additional programs for teens. Kristen Shepherd is a new employee in the Charleston Library and Hannah hopes that she can present some new programs and activities for tweens so that all age groups will be covered.**

**Deidre handed out the activity report for Ozark Library; the report is attached. Deidre said that all programs during the first quarter were virtual. The staff made "take and make kits" for children to enjoy at home. The library plans to participate in "Taste of the Ozarks" and will have an ad in the coupon book which can be picked up at local businesses. Deidre is involved with Chamber activities in order to involve the library in community activities. Special activities were created for observance of poetry month.**

**Misty gave the district report; she has been busy in processing the e-rate funding (federal funds for high speed internet at discount rate for libraries). Contracts for five libraries with Century-link will booster the internet system by doubling the megabytes. Misty is making 2020 calculations of library stats for each county for the purpose of completion of the annual library survey.**

**Misty thanked the board and library staff for their support in her completion of studies for the Master's Degree in Library Science which will be conferred to her on May 15 at the University of Oklahoma. Misty is to be congratulated for maintaining a 4.0 GPA while working full time, plus taking care of her family.**

**OLD BUSINESS (none)**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Deidre reported that the door contacts on the front door of Ozark library are not working therefore the alarm cannot be set. Three proposals from J E Systems were presented. After careful study, a motion was made by

**Linda, seconded by Milanie, to choose option 3 at a cost of \$1,450.00. This amount will be taken out of small equipment line item. Motion carried.**

**Deidre applied for and received a grant of \$1,000.00 from Blue and You Foundation; the grant makes it possible to replace bathroom fixtures with auto, touch-less fixtures. A cost estimate from Case Plumbing was reviewed and it was noted that their company would donate the cost of four foam hand sanitizer dispensers. Final cost was \$1,804.58 minus the grant of \$1,000.00, leaving an amount of \$804.58. Motion was made by Linda, seconded by Milanie, to purchase the equipment and take this amount out of petty cash for payment. Motion carried. Rick suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Case Plumbing for their donation.**

**Hannah presented a proposal for implementing new covid restrictions. The proposal would be for our libraries to return to pre-covid business hours; put furniture back out; and resume in-person programming outside and limited inside (10 people or less, socially distanced, masks worn). Motion was made by Casey, seconded by J. J., to accept the proposal. Motion carried. Hannah reminded all of us that we need to do what we can to encourage our residents to return and use our libraries.**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Milanie, seconded by Casey, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

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**Linda Halmes, Secretary**

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