

Franklin County Library Board Mtg.
April 12, 2022
Charleston Library, 6:00pm

Present: Milanie Matthews, Linda Halmes, J.J. Chronister, County Librarians Deidre Grzymala and Hannah Hobbs, and Regional Librarian Misty Hawkins.

Meeting was called to order by J.J. Chronister at 6:15pm.

The minutes from last meeting on December 7, 2021 were made available to read. Motion made by Linda, second by Marcie to approve. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Financial reports showed \$584,500.41 in county fund, \$8,736.54 in Charleston petty cash, \$7,637.18 in Ozark petty cash, and a loan balance of \$54,448.92 for the Ozark library renovation. Motion made by Linda, second by J.J. To approve financial statements. Motion carried. Misty mentioned we will possibly want to host an event after the payoff at Ozark Library and invite the public so that they are informed about what their tax money has done.

Librarian Reports:

Hannah said the Charleston book sale had gone well, and has had several new people in the community wanting to volunteer in order to get to know people. Volunteers have been helping with craft prep, and book sale. They are prepping for the summer reading program. They have had to stop going out to the preschools, senior center and nursing homes due to Covid, but hope to be able to start that back up in May.

Diedre reported they are planning their summer reading program, and had an author visit by zoom. They have been doing programs in senior citizen center. She and Sophie have completed the 1st level of the American sign language class and will start level 2 in the next couple of weeks. She graduates from Leadership Franklin County in May, and suggests that Hannah attend. They did their patron appreciation drawing, winner won an echo dot and a color changing light bulb, all who participated received a \$10. The extension office and Franklin Co. emergency management has been coming to library and doing programs, the library was approved for all the movie licenses, they purchased a new rug for story time, new book drops, and new sanitizers. The new shade is supposed to be delivered and installed over the outdoor area soon.

Misty reported that the Annual Public Library Survey was submitted to the state library, and they submit to the federal library. So far it hasn't been kicked back. Misty is participating in Arkansas Library Leadership Institute with the Arkansas State Library, and she is getting to know people across the state in all types of libraries. The regional van has gotten a wrap, which is great advertisement, and will pick up the second van that will have the wrap. We have 12 drop boxes (3 per county) and book lockers (digital pickup locations) that will be placed in rural areas to help people who can't get to the branch libraries to pick up or return items. They are working out

the details of the drop off and pick up schedule, and where these will be located. They are trying to partner with rural fire departments for these. Franklin County areas being considered for these locations are Altus, Cass, or Mill Creek Mountain. They were able to hire a full time community resources coordinator, Brian Kendall. He will be working with the communities to see what their needs are and to help fulfill those needs.

Old Business:

Ice guards for the Ozark library were discussed. These are needed to prevent ice from the roof falling on people due to the way the roof is made. Diedre said she is talking with different roofing companies to get estimates.

New Business:

Hannah and Diedre propose that each library have their own credit card to make purchases in order to make book keeping easier. This would allow them to make purchases locally instead of having to go through regional librarian (Misty). They have researched the Simmons Bank card and the Amazon card. The card would go through the county. Linda moved to approve both Charleston and Ozark libraries to have their own credit cards, second by Marcie. Motion carried.

There being no further business, J.J. Made a motion to adjourn, second by Linda. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Marcie Newhart, Co-Secretary

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