

FS Bank Community Room

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Allison Whitecotton at 5:45.

**Present:** Herman Houston, Kathy Jones, Debbie Park, Amy Wallace, Alvin Mason, Heather Patton, Allison Whitecotton, and Thomas Pennington.

**Approval of Minutes:** Read by Kathy Jones.

**Library Report:** n/a

**Regional Report:** n/a

**Old Business:** Brian Boyer came to present figures and information regarding old Fred's building. He walked the board members through the space and discussed different options for purchasing/leasing the space. Packet with detailed information was left with Kathy. Kathy Jones caught up the board members on the latest meeting (March 3rd) with John Lester and Greg Nabholz regarding First Pres. At the March 3rd meeting John Lester and Greg Nabholz promised that in two weeks they would have more solid figures for the library. The rough estimate figures for the first floor would be about \$11,000 according to inflated figures worked into rough square footage estimates. The estimated cost of the entire building sits around \$5-6 million. It was also proposed in the meeting that the library might take over the sanctuary to use as an event center that would generate income for the library. Thomas Pennington made a motion to propose a \$2000 option to hold the Fred's building for the next 6 months, Heather Patton seconded the motion, the motion passed. The board agreed to listen to the First Pres presentation in two weeks (March 17th), and if there is no presentation/information by that date, pursuing First Pres as an option will come to an end. Thomas Pennington made a motion to pay the \$2000 for the option to hold Fred's from the library checking account to preserve tax payer money. Heather Patton seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**New Business:** Kathy Jones announced that her final day at the library will be April 30th and Herman Houston read her letter of resignation. Kathy stated that Amy Wallace was hired in August to replace Casey as Assistant Branch Manager and has been trained under Kathy Jones to uphold the Branch Manager position. She also suggested that Jimmy Ritchie be hired to replace her as Assistant. Amy Wallace has been working to hire a part time position for the library, as well. Thomas Pennington made a motion to go into Executive Session, Heather Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed. Thomas Pennington made a motion to reopen regular session, Heather Patton seconded the motion, the motion passed. Heather Patton proposed that Amy Wallace be hired on as Interim Director and that the Branch Manager job be posted. Heather Patton made a motion to make the interim salary \$45,000, and Allison Whitecotton seconded. The motion passed. The board decided to advertise immediately for the position, and that the job posting would be closed on April 2nd. The job will be posted in The Graphic, The Courier, and through the Arkansas State Library. The board will meet on April 9th at 5:30 pm to review applications.

**Adjournment:** Allison Whitecotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 10-28-21

Allison Whitecotton, President