

**Franklin County Library Board Mtg.  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 - 6:15 p.m.  
Ozark Library**

**President Rick Bradford called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.**

**Present: Board members Rick Bradford, Milanie Matthews, Linda Halmes, Casey White (Zoom); Franklin County librarians Deidre Fears and Hannah Hobbs (Zoom); and Regional Librarian Misty Hawkins. J. J. Chronister was unable to attend.**

**Minutes of previous meeting were made available to board members in advance of meeting. A motion was made by Milanie, seconded by Casey to approve. Motion carried.**

**Financial reports showed a balance of \$401,119.87 in County Library Fund. Ozark petty cash fund has balance of \$4,886.52; Charleston has \$5,164.84. Remaining due on Ozark Library renovation loan is \$93,501.78. Motion was made by Linda, seconded by Milanie, to accept financial report.  
Motion carried.**

#### **REPORTS FROM LIBRARIANS:**

**Hannah reported that the summer reading program has been a tremendous success. The program will be wrapping up in the next two weeks and a carnival will be held at end of month. Fall programs are being planned to include outdoor educational activities and a gardening program. She and her staff will be working with senior adults to meet their library needs and assistance will be provided with curriculum for home schooled students. As always, Hannah provided a list of activities and attendance for each for the past three months at the Charleston Library (attached).**

**Deidre reported that the county has provided an air purifier for each library. The summer reading program reached a total of 206 children and adults. The program on Alpacas and Llamas with live animals on the grounds of the library was enjoyed by both children and adults. Other programs included an Independence Day activity (huge success) and the teens and tweens program. Other programs were included on the list of activities and attendance at Ozark Library (attached).**

**Deidre has been asked to serve on the board for Main Street as well as the Ozark Chamber of Commerce.**

**Misty has been working on getting funds for the region under the American Rescue Plan. Funding will come from the federal level, then on to states, then to local libraries. Misty has been getting feedback on how to use crowd sourcing funds to do digitization projects such as microfilming local history collections, cemetery lists, old pictures and stories not on internet, anything considered local history. Half of the funds could be used for outreach vehicles to make the library visible at farmers markets, freedom festivals, and other local activities.**

**Misty has applied for emergency connectivity funds which would double hot spot connections at the county libraries in the region. The connections will be free of charge to the public.**

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The need for a flag pole at Ozak Library was discussed. Flag etiquette, which requires certain protocol, was discussed also. It was noted that for a certain fee the Rotary Club would provide a flag and base to be flown on certain holidays. The board decided that further discussion should take place.

Deidre applied for and received a \$3,000 LTC (Libraries Transforming Communities) grant. Bids were reviewed from several companies that would provide some type of shade over the outdoor reading tables. The board chose Miracle Recreational Equipment at a cost of \$4,553.90 contingent upon confirmation that the present concrete slab would be compatible; Deidre was asked to check on this. A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Linda, to move forward if concrete slab is compatible and to pay difference (\$1,553.99) between grant and actual costs from line item 4002 - Buildings. Motion passed.

Deidre stated that she would like to participate in Leadership Franklin County. The cost is \$500.00. Deidre asked the board for permission to participate and for the cost to be paid by the library. Motion was made by Milanie, seconded by Linda. Motion carried. Funds will be taken from line item 3030 - Travel.

Hannah shared that she has received a scholarship to attend the Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Sparks, NV on October 21-24. It is quite an honor to receive a scholarship to attend this conference so the board thought it would be good to help with expenses. A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Casey, to provide \$300.00 per diem for Hannah. Motion passed.

A list of out of date technology items was provided. These items need to be removed from library inventory and returned to the county for disposal. The hard drives will be removed and turned into regional library. A motion to do so was made by Casey, seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

Both libraries are in need of two desktop computers and monitors. Price quote from Dell is \$1,663.34 for two monitors and two computers. A motion was made by Milanie, seconded by Casey, to purchase two for each location. Motion carried. Payment will be made from line item 2002 - Small Equipment.

Hannah gave an update on the water situation at Charleston Library. She contacted water superintendent and mayor and found out that there are no agreements about water lines for library and the schools. She is working to get a plan in place by getting quotes from plumbers, etc. in order for Charleston Library to have their own lines and meter separate from the school. A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Milanie, to start this process. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on October 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Charleston Library.

Motion was made by Linda, seconded by Milanie, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Halmes,  
Secretary

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