

The Atchison County Library Board met on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 9:30 at the Tarkio Branch. In attendance were President Janet Griffin, Jayne Martin, Lois Powell, Vicki Pearson and Director Jennifer Roup. The meeting was called to order by President Janet Griffin. A motion was made by Vicki Pierson to adopt the March agenda, Lois Powell seconded. The March minutes were reviewed and Lois Powell made a motion to approve said minutes, Jayne Martin seconded. The March budget was reviewed. A discussion was had about changing categories on the budget between “marketing” and “community events.” Jennifer said she would talk to Carol Clark about changing it to better reflect that funds are used primarily for materials to put on events rather than advertising for the events. After that discussion, Jayne made a motion to approve the budget and Vicki Pierson seconded. The April Expenses were reviewed by the board. Jayne shared she thought that the RP Telephone bill seemed expensive. Jennifer said that she would review the contract with them and see if it has increased and if so, for what reason. The expenses were moved to be approved by Lois Powell, Jayne Martin seconded.

Jennifer then gave her director’s report. She updated the board on the lock box at Bank Midwest in Rock Port and that she had successfully changed so that her name is on the authorized list updated the board on the contents of the box.

The board discussed the upcoming bid from Joshua Baughman on the interior painting of the Resource Center side of the Tarkio Library.

Jennifer gave the board an update on the plans for Summer Reading Program. It has been officially set for June 24-28, Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All ages and towns will all be invited on the same dates and times at the Tarkio Resource Center. The board discussed Jennifer looking into possible ways to offer transportation from Fairfax and Rock Port and perhaps contacting the local schools since bus rides have been provided for other events such as Bible schools in the past, to their knowledge.

Jennifer brought a request to the board made by a member of the Mule Barn Theatre Guild. They would like to know if the library would allow them to put a plaque up at the library in recognition of Betsy Chapin’s years of work and dedication to Battle of the Books. The board agreed that this would be an appropriate addition to the library’s lobby where the donation tree is located. Jennifer will let the Mule Barn Theater Guild members know but that we would like to know what size the plaque is before we approve. The theater guild also asked if the library would be interested in taking on Battle of the Books in the future. Ultimately, it was decided by everyone that the school’s librarians and districts would be a better fit for running Battle of the Books.

During her report, Jennifer updated the board about wind damage that occurred during high winds at the Rock Port Branch. A metal tile on the front of the building is bent and loose. Jennifer requested a bid to replace the entire section of that front portion of the library to Jason Brown of Maryville.

Jennifer reported that she will be working on an estate planning or memorial guide to be shared on the library's website to give the public information on how to start a memorial for a loved one.

Vicki Pearson voted to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION and Lois Powell seconded. The board finished with executive session after Jayne Martin voted to end it and Vicki Pearson seconded. The board waited for any public requests for comment.

Lois Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jayne Martin seconded.