De Soto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2020

1. Roll Call:
   In Person: Tony Benningfield, Terri Walker, Linda Bean, Ben Thebeau
   Via Zoom: Ruth Rose, Susan Draper, Bruce McKinstry, Lisa Winkleman

2. Recognition of Visitors: Kathy Smith, Autumn Blanchard, Janice Butcher

3. Agenda: Susan moved to accept the agenda. Bruce seconded. Passed.

4. Friends Report: Orally given by Kathy Smith, Vice President

   2020 Fundraisers have been negatively affected by Covid-19. The annual purse sale is postponed until further notice. They held one outdoor sidewalk book sale.

   Voiced concerns and questions over the Eclipse Park progress. The board explained that it has been on hold due to discussion of relocation and challenges that covid-19 caused. A new location to store the bricks may be needed. The Friends will not be responsible for installation. Tony has made connections with volunteers to help with installation. All brick sales are currently on hold.

5. Correspondence: Jefferson County Growth Association and Chamber of Commerce’s fundraiser raffle. $50 donation 1936 directory. $20 donation from Debbie Wilson for the library to use to provide masks to patrons. City of De Soto seeking a letter of support for the Boyd Street sidewalk project. Tony will compose a letter and send.

6. June minutes: Ruth moved to accept the minutes. Susan seconded. Passed.


9. New Business:
   a) Bruce moved to accept a new policy stating the DSPL will determine its degree of being open to the public based on the color key of our county’s Covid-19 Risk Level from the Harvard Global Health Institute. Susan Seconded. Passed. Ben Thebeau arrived after this vote.
   b) New app for cell phone use coming soon
   c) Updates on building improvements happening now and in the near future
d) A Story Walk has been installed at Walther’s Park  

e) Library staff has worked to clear out library materials that are not being checked out by patrons. Old materials are for sale. Bruce motions to amend the DSPL budget for library materials to be able to purchase $5,000 of new materials. Ben Seconded. Passed.

10. Old Business:  
   a) Two applications have been submitted to City Hall for the open board position. The city council will vote next week


Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Winkleman

Secretary