Board Members Present: Lauren Smith Jackie Frye Grayson Day

Staff Present: Clint Moxley Mellissa Clark

Call to order:
Grayson Day called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Minutes from January 11, 2023
Motion to approve minutes Lauren Smith, seconded by Jackie Frye.

Financial Report:
Given by Clint Moxley. Mellissa came to the office today and go over some of the financials we have been given from the company we outsource to. There were some errors with entries that Mellissa and Kasey went through them to find where the discrepancies are. This report is from MIP and there is 54,000 left from what is budgeted for the year. Only two months left, so there will be a net carried over. Anything left rolls over to the next fiscal year.

Director’s Report:
We have been able to reach an agreement between the Woodbine library and the county. An MOU was signed this week for a five year agreement with a minimum funding of 30,000. We will submit a budget proposal every year to them as Camden does.

The state has presented an oversight that affects all full time region employees. The employer’s contribution for the state health plan were not raised when they should have been. This is something that has occurred at half a dozen state departments and the libraries is one of them. At the director’s meeting last week, they went over the SHBP employer’s contribution rate at what it should be and present a 3 year process for paying back the amount owed and a tiered process to increase to the new rate. The new rate is 1,500 per employee, per month. This will almost double what our libraries are currently budgeted for. The region would be asked to pay back retroactively (all administrative staff) from January and would not be included in the three year tiered increase. There will be a meeting May 28th but we are unsure if this particular topic is on
the agenda, if not, there is a scheduled meeting for September for further discussion. Other options may include hiring part time, hiring freeze, and researching other health care options outside of the state health plan.

Manager Report:
We are still seeing a great turnout for our programs and our attendance is doing well. We had great feedback from our life-size family game night and will be having one in summer. Our outreach events are doing well and getting the word out about what the library does. We are ready to put out our summer calendar. It’s late due to some rescheduling and cancelations that came up. Our sign up day is Saturday and we are getting together everything needed for that. We have our reading challenges ready and the school tab activated to add to participants’ profiles so we can track which school has the highest time read this summer.

We are waiting to see if the proposal we gave the county makes it to the proposed county budget. Once that is presented at a meeting in May, it will be voted on in June.

We have opted to wait and fill our part time position after summer. It is simply not the time to train anyone with most of the staff out on vacation for the next few weeks and summer programs kicking in.

We are still waiting for an ETA for our SPLOST and ARPA work.

Old Business:
After looking over the Constitution and Bylaws they were approved with some minor adjustments. Updated the number of seats and the number to qualify as a quorum. Went over procedure to fill current vacant seat. Mellissa will email everyone the updated version for all to look over. Lauren Smith motioned to approve and Jackie Frye seconded.

New Business:

Next Meeting:
July 12th at 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned:
Lauren Smith motioned to adjourn, Jackie Frye seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:57 pm.