July 18, 2022 5:30 pm

Chairperson Gina Carroll called the meeting to order with the following present: Karen Seward, Steve Tonsor, Pam Potterfield, Jane Ann Olson, JoAnn Woodall, and Jeanne Cheek. Minutes of the May 15 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

May and June financial activity was reviewed and discussed. Year to date analysis was unavailable. Following a motion by JoAnn Woodall, and a second by Jeanne Cheek, the financial reports were approved as presented.

Karen Seward provided library activity information for May 15-June 14, 2022:

592 patrons checked out 890 books (516 in person with 474 electronically). They included

Adult Fiction- 290

Juvenile Fiction-214

Young Adult-15

Under 5- 65

Adult Nonfiction- 26

Juvenile Nonfiction-49

Easy- 296

Computers used 84 times, Wifi utilized 10 times, 219 copies made, 5 puzzles worked, and \$60.30 collected in fines

Puppet Paul, Shadow Puppets should complete the Summer Reading program on July 21. A \$500 grant has been awarded from Ron Gillett- Grain Valley Express. Second Saturday reading program continues to draw 8-10 youth and their adult chaperones. Missouri State Parks is hosting a commemoration of the 1897 Infantry Bicycle Corps in St. Judes Square on Thursday July 21 from 4-8 p.m.

Old Business: Moores Floors were contacted by Gina Carroll. A completion date of floor replacement was estimated for mid to late August at earliest. Karen Seward indicated any communication with Little Dixie Libraries regarding a merger have been fruitless. Last indications are they are meeting to choose alternate legal counsel in this matter. Very limited interest has been shown regarding replacement of the head librarian for Monroe City Public Library.

New Business: Mrs.Carroll indicated a need to fill one board seat in September. A list of potential citizens were reviewed and the chairperson was granted permission to contact individuals to fill the vacancy. With Mrs. Seward's desire to retire and very sluggish motion regarding the potential merger with Little Dixie the board discussed the possibility of reverting back to a full-time librarian position in Monroe City. Following discussion of the ramifications of such action, Jeanne Cheek moved that Karen Seward, Gina Carroll, and Steve Tonsor serve as a committee to explore the feasibility of a full-time position with benefits. Jane Ann Olson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Mrs. Carroll set the next scheduled board meeting for September 19 at 5:30. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.