January 17, 2022 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Gina Carroll called the meeting to order with Steve Tonsor, Jane Ann Olson, JoAnn Woodall, and Jeanne Cheek present. The Chair referenced minutes of the November 15th meeting previously presented by e-mail. Hearing no call for discussion, a motion by JoAnn Woodall and second by Jane Anne Olson led to unanimous acceptance of said minutes.

Treasures Report was unavailable as City Hall did not provide details.

Karen Seward, unavailable for this meeting, provided activity numbers for the November 15 thru January 12, 2022 timeframe. 544 patrons checked out 684 publications from site visits and 414 electronically. These included books from the following categories:

Adult fiction 236, Adult Non-fiction 22, Juvenile fiction 101, Juvenile Non-fiction 44, Young adult 5, Under 5 years 33, and Easy read 276. 25 patrons utilized the conference room, 3 accessed the Wifi, and public computers were utilized 90 times.

In Literacy Support grant funds were applied as follows:

$1333.82 for new books, $131.98 for display fixtures, $390.63 to advertise the Summer Reading Program, and $417.85 for supplies, $80.00 for 16 new sheets for the Storybook Walk.

The Monroe City Library Website is up and running with a new logo designed for $52.50

On January 14 Rachael Grime, director of Little Dixie Libraries, reported to Mrs. Seward that Attorney Adam Sommer officially signed a contract to work on the possible union of Little Dixie and Monroe City Libraries. Mr. Sommer anticipated 20 hours of legal work for preparation and consultation. Rachael would provide updates when available, as a time-frame was not established. Karen offered Monroe City Library’s participation with fees.

Karen spoke with City Manager, Blake Rodgers January 14th regarding flooring replacement. He reported, though unrequired, the City Council approved floor replacement. Blake will provide blueprints to aid in the bidding process and will personally attain bids for library window replacement. City Council plans to finance replacement of damaged windows, but would gladly accept funds from the library’s reserves. Should Little Dixie merger proceed prior to window replacement, any funds pledged by the library board would be earmarked by alderman for completion of said project.

With board approval, Mrs. Carroll plans to gather flooring samples from Wright’s Furniture and Moore’s Floors for further review by the board.

The next regular board meeting was set for 5:30 pm on March 21. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Tonsor