

March 15, 2021 5:30 PM

Chairperson Gina Carroll called the meeting to order with Laura Mulvaney, JoAnn Woodall, Jeanne Cheek, Pam Potterfield, Lisa Russell, Karen Seward, and Steve Tonsor present.

Minutes of the January 18th meeting were read by Steve Tonsor. Minutes were approved as read following a motion and second by Jeanne Cheek and JoAnn Woodall.

Mrs. Carroll presented October 2020 thru February 2021 financials. Mrs. Seward requested opportunity to explain concerns with the updated financial reporting. No cleaning services have been provided in the November thru current time frame by Learning Opportunities. A \$253.65 charge to Learning Opportunities in January was noted, as well as a \$30 charge to Card Services. The Monroe City Library has no charge card. Mrs. Seward pledged to work with city staff in reversing these charges. Inconsistent monthly payment of DaCom lease services stem from billing and/or mailing challenges. Alternate payment methods are being considered. It was noted that currently the DaCom payment is charged to office expense, despite the fact it nearly depletes the annual budget in this category. The board agreed Emily Gares should be consulted, as this oversight in budgeting may require a new ledger account or other consideration.

In the librarian's report, Mrs. Seward introduced Clara Minor as the latest employee of the library. Clara has worked diligently to expand online services. As staff did inventory, a few books were determined to be bar coded but not in the electronic database. A check for \$779 was received from the Monroe County commissioners in conjunction with Covid- relief payments made to the state of Missouri and later passed down. The board was introduced to the Wolfner Library free programs in audio or Braille for the visually impaired. During January patrons enjoyed 219 books in person and 144 digitally. February utilization included 239 books in person, 101 digitally, as well as 19 computer sessions and 4 Wifi visits.

In new business, Mrs. Seward requested the board consider removal of one partially complete book cabinet displayed in the foyer. Seven other matching cabinets are reportedly in storage. Should the board consider offering for sale controversial Dr. Seuss books? These books are seldom read, yet are reportedly sought by buyers. After much discussion, the board determined further research of the value of used Dr. Seuss books was warranted. The eight book cabinets should be offered at \$50 or best offer by advertising in social media and free local publication.

Mrs. Carroll set the next board meeting for May 17 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Tonsor