Be it Remembered: A meeting of the Ste. Genevieve County Library Board was called to order by the Board President Jean Johnson on Monday, April 11th, 2022 beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Ste. Genevieve County Library located at 21388 Highway 61, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri 63670.

Roll Call: Board Members answering the roll call were Board President Jean Johnson, Cindy Nugent, Melissa Otto, Robin Reynolds, David Woods, Library Executive Director Shawn Long and Assistant Director Lindsey Picou.

Approval of Agenda: Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve the agenda. Melissa Otto seconded the motion. Jean Johnson, Cindy Nugent, Melissa Otto, Robin Reynolds and David Woods voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Robin Reynolds seconded the motion. Jean Johnson, Cindy Nugent, Melissa Otto, Robin Reynolds and David Woods voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.


Directors Report: Library Executive Director Shawn Long went over the following Directors Report:

New Business

2021 Annual Report
Presented for approval. The board was impressed and came to a consensus to approve the annual report.

Staffing
Brittany McCool has stepped down as a Library Aide effective March 31st. And the difficult decision was made after interviews to part ways with Jamie Harter. Although she has been an asset to the team in regards to our technology needs and has been a patron favorite the needs of the library have changed so significantly that our new hire Kim Rapp will take us to the next level. Kim is a former educator with Ste. Genevieve R-2 and brings a strong knowledge of WordPress and a large list of program ideas with her. Jamie’s absence from the team will be felt and I am prepared for an outcry from patrons. Jamie’s last day was Friday April 1st. This just so happened to be the last day of the week for a pay period but this also means that Jamie will have one month of Insurance as well, I wish her the best in her future endeavors, this decision was a very difficult one for myself and I thought long and hard about it. But I know that this is the best direction for the library and our community to continue on our growth.

Aside from the full time position we also had 2-part time positions available, one is Brittany’s and the other is Jenya’s Youth Services position. Both of which have been filled. Marge Nohr has been hired to fill Brittany’s position and Abigail Bates has been hired for the Youth Services Position. All three started last week.
**Park Hills Jobs Center**
Garry Nelson approached me 2 weeks ago in regards to hosting a computer at our location for our community to utilize for a Jobs Center satellite location. When people collect unemployment they are required every 2-3 weeks to go to either Park Hills or Cape Girardeau to fill out a form on a computer. Rather than our residents drive that far our library will now host this service.

**Thinking Money for All Kids**
Ste. Genevieve County Library was selected as one of 100 libraries across the country to be selected to receive an inclusive financial literacy programming kit. The kit contains a book list, Financial literacy program book and 5 books geared towards educating children about financial literacy. The information will be passed on to Kim and Abigail to develop some sort of program around it.

**Highways of History**
Nancy Cozean approached me in regards to utilizing her Highways of History displays here at the library. This includes 5 display boards and rocks as well. I am working on integrating this into our Summer Reading Kickoff program since it fits the theme! I will more than likely reach out to the museum as well to see if they have any rock samples they would like to include in this display.

**Opportunities:**

**Maker Space**
Our large format printer has been ordered and we expect a delivery of the last week of April or the first week of May.

**Programming**

**Snack & A Show**
We had 15 attendees for our first Snack and A Show. It was well received and the kids and adults really enjoyed the snacks.

**Movies in the Park**
I presented at the March 28th Parks meeting and the library was very well received. They will be fundraising for the movies this year which will include, Dirty Dancing, National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, Hook, Encanto and Beetlejuice. They also discussed the StoryWalk. We will put up our temporary one up for a week or two this year but they are working on making Valle Springs Park more ADA compliant. This funding cycle they will use to purchase the ground covering and next funding cycle will be used on the StoryWalk.

**French Festival**
Sandra Cabot approached me on 4/6 about doing a Movie in the Park style showing of a French style film during the French Festival Weekend of June 10 or 11.
**Summer Reading Program**
Friday April 8th Myself, Lindsey, Kim and Abigail sat here and planned out the entire Summer Reading Program. The goal is to make this one of the best programs in recent memory. We are doing this a number of ways including offering more programs, including some author meet and greets done in conjunction with Baker & Taylor.

**Free Comic Book Day**
Free Comic book day is May 7th this year. If you are looking for something fun to do, I encourage you to come by. We will be working with Iggy’s Pop Shop in doing some fun programs including possibly a Cosplay contest, Mario Kart contest and a Mini Painting workshop.

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**Old Business**

**Civil War Donation**
I spoke to Tom Gremminger and he was agreeable to the idea presented to him. Since we talked he ran into another widow who had her husband’s collection as well. He will take it on and cull any duplicates and add that to his collection. I am currently working on an agreement to send to him.

**Grants**

**Senior Citizen Grant**
Paperwork has been received. And I will be signing the paperwork and turning it in on April 12th.

**Dollar General Summer Reading Grant**
Grant was submitted on February 16th we should find out if we received it by May 15th.

**Community Foundation Grant**
We submitted our grant on March 28th for our tree person for the kid’s area. Hopefully we will hear some good news about it soon!

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**Library by the Numbers**
The board reviewed the participation numbers of our various programs.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Public Forum:** Nobody was in attendance besides those on the roll call.

**Next Meeting:** The board came to a consensus to have the meeting on Monday 9th, 2022 at noon.
Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Cindy Nugent to adjourn at 1:08 p.m. Robin Reynolds seconded the motion. Jean Johnson, Cindy Nugent, Melissa Otto, Robin Reynolds and David Woods voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

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PRESIDENT – JEAN JOHNSON

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SECRETARY - DAVID B. WOODS