

Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

August 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Sandy Cook, President Rich Lawson, Vice President

Annette Essary Barb Harrison

Mike DeLoose Lill Batson, Director

Absent: Linda Engels, Secretary Mindi Schultz, Treasurer

Public Comment: Members of the public are invited to speak to the Board of Trustees. Please identify yourself when called upon. Comments are to be limited to three (3) minutes or less. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, actions may not be taken on items not already on the agenda, but action may be deferred to a later Board meeting at the discretion of the Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Sandy Cook presented the treasurer's report. Rich Lawson moved to accept the report as presented with Annette Essary seconding. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report was reviewed. Rich Lawson made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Mike DeLoose seconded. Motion passed.

Director's Report:

Lill reported that the library numbers are still good. Summer reading ended July 20 with about 15-16 children attending. Prizes were awarded including Cubs tickets August 6 at Wrigley Field. Chris and Eric Whan both indicated they would like to donate tickets again next year. Our Royal Neighbor chapter sponsored the reading program including purchasing craft supplies and some of the prizes for both kids and adults.

The library is accepting donations of school supplies for Viola Elementary. Lill stated she is looking at various options for a base for the china hutch from DeLooses. The parking lot donation is almost completed. Lill talked to Tommy Adams to see if the Village would donate tar and chip for the lot.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Signs

Rich Lawson asked if the library signs have been installed. Lill pointed out the sign on the main door and informed the board that once she is assured the wasp next in the outside sign is defunct, that sign will be installed.

Generator

Rich Lawson asked if we had any word on when the generator will be installed. Lill will reach out to the contractor to see if he has any information.

New BUSINESS:

FY23 Budget ? Final Action

Lill presented the FY23 budget for the board to review and change if needed. After reviewing, Annette Essary moved to approve the budget. Mike DeLoose seconded. Motion passed.

License Plate Renewal ? Final Action

Lill presented the opportunity for the library to offer license plate renewals. People could come to the library to renew their stickers. A company, ELS (Electronic License Service) is authorized by the State to provide the stickers for libraries. Many libraries use the company to provide this service. ELS charges \$1.65 per sticker to cover the costs associated. The library can charge up to \$9.50 per sticker as a service fee.

The board discussed various ways to accept payment since the library doesn't have a credit/debit machine. Discussion about what fee to charge resulted in the board leaning towards \$5.00 per sticker. The \$1.65 fee would come out of that and the library could put the remaining amount towards the parking lot, summer reading or whatever they decide on. Annette Essary moved to table the decision since two board members were not able to attend and discuss the issue. Rich Lawson seconded. Motion passed. The item will be put on the September agenda.

Rich Lawson made a motion to close the meeting with Mike DeLoose seconding. Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm. Next regular meeting is September 7, 2022 at 6pm.