

Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Sandy Cook, President Rich Lawson, Vice President (arrived late)

Linda Engels, Secretary Mindi Schultz, Treasurer

Annette Essary Barb Harrison

Lill Batson, Director

Absent: Mike DeLoose

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:

Mindi Schultz presented the treasurer's report. Barb Harrison moved to accept the report as presented with Annette Essary seconding. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

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

Director's Report:

Lill reported that the library numbers are still good and that with the better weather more patrons are coming in to the library. Interlibrary loan numbers are down a little, but should go up during summer reading.

Summer reading program is in the works. We will have a kick-off party, ending party where kids can make a fairy garden, and weekly crafts. We are looking for people to volunteer to read to children during the program. ?Blind date with a book? is planned. For kids it will include a book or two, a craft or activity and a snack. For adults it will be a book and a snack.

The old circulation desk is out of the former library. Matt and Kasi Scott cut it up so the garbage people would take it. Mike DeLoose will take the LIBRARY letters off the building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zimmerman Collection

Lill reported that the reporter from KWQC replied she is interested in the Zimmerman story. After some discussion, it was decided that Annette Essary would represent the library and talk with the press. She asked about meeting at the

library and it was decided she could meet with the reporter when the library was closed. Lill reminded the board she would not be talking to the press.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Security Cameras

Annette Essary brought up the security cameras. Lill explained she and Mike are still working on choosing which ones will work at the library.

Library Signs

Annette Essary brought up the library signs. Lill reported that Ben Newton is no longer able to make the signs and she has been contacting other businesses to get quotes. Mike DeLoose has reached out to CISigns to see if they are still willing to make them. He is waiting to hear back

Parking Lot Survey

Annette Essary asked where the library was on getting the survey completed for the parking lot section donated by Terry Peroutka. Lill reported she has contacted the surveyor again asking for the survey. He is supposed to get it done this week.

Generator

Annette Essary brought up the generator through our grant. Lill reported she has been unable to find a second quote so will contact the original business to get the generator ordered.

Smith Memorial

Annette Essary brought up the Smith Memorial. Lill reminded the board there has been no money received for the memorial. Until they make a donation, there is no memorial for the library to work with

New BUSINESS:

Mindi Schultz

Mindi Schultz brought up a project a church is doing. They used T-shirts to make baby layettes for families in Haiti. They also shred old jeans for insulation and use the seams and pockets for other projects. The ladies will take wool items for mittens and teddy bears. She asked if the library would agree to collect the items and Mindi will get them to the church. After some discussion, Annette Essary moved to let the community know we will accept clean, gently used T-shirts, jeans and wool items for the church. Rich Lawson seconded. Motion passed.

Rich Lawson made a motion to close the meeting with Annette Essary seconding. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm. Next regular meeting is May 4, 2022 at 6pm.