

Ione Library District Board Meeting
January 24, 2022
Ione Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Bobbi Childers.

Roll was called. Board members present: Bobbi Childers (C) Betty Rietmann (VC), Margo Sherer, Deb Campbell and Anne Morter. Librarian Becky Doherty also attended.

The minutes from the December 20 meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report: The checking balance as of January is \$90,054.71 and the reserve fund balance is \$110,365.87. The SDIS insurance bill for \$1835 has been paid. Bobbi asked if we have the certificate for the Surety bond. We'll be sure that there is one on file at the library.

Librarians Report:

- Petty cash is \$34.81, no change from December.
- Rachell reported on the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) convention that she attended virtually. She had lots of ideas for activity nights like hosting a paint night, a cup cake decorating class for the younger patrons, displays in the library, a babysitting class.
- The preschool is visiting the library once a month.
- Several student card for out of district students have been issued. They will expire on May 16, giving those patrons the last 3 weeks of school to return books.
- Becky attended a webinar discussing a state-wide Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Only 3 of the 36 counties do not have a DPIL presence.

Old Business:

- The librarians still need to be added as administrators of the website. There is a tutorial that they need to complete.
- Refurbishing the book drop won't happen until the weather is better.
- Bobbi and Becky need to get together to figure out how to organize the book exchange.
- Becky presented her suggestions for modifying Section I: Membership and Section II: Officers of the Board Governance Policy. Margo moved and Anne seconded that the changes presented be adopted. The motion passed. Section III: Responsibilities and Section IV: Meetings will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- The Reading Challenge seems to be well received. Becky would like to change the rules to a \$5 certificate for 3 books read. The students are busy with school work and extra-curricular activities and expecting them to read 5 books is probably asking too much. Margo moved and Betty seconded that the challenge be changed to a \$5 certificate for 3 books by Feb. 15. The motion passed.
- Kathy Skinner has provided a letter of application for the position of Summer Reading Program coordinator. The board reviewed the letter and have selected Kathy as the 2022 SRP coordinator.

New Business:

- Becky pointed out to the board that there are 2 books in our collection that may generate some controversy. The difference between selection and censorship was discussed. The library has a policy on collection development but it needs to be researched and expanded on.
- Employee evaluations need to be scheduled. ~~Anne~~ Bobbi suggested that they be done in March and that the employees do a self-evaluation before the official evaluation is done by the board, for the librarian, and the librarian, for the assistant librarian.

For the Good of the Order:

Anne noted that Lake County has a community paper that contains a book review. It was suggested that we put a review on the website each month.

A movie night was suggested as an activity.

The next meeting will be on February 21 at 6:00.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Doherty, Librarian