

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