

Ione Library District Board Meeting
November 15, 2021
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 and Deb Campbell. Librarians Becky Doherty and Rachell Hughes also attended.

The minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report: The checking balance is \$8,236.21 and the reserve fund balance is \$110,235.85. A deposit of \$12,570.48 was made 11-15-21, not included in the checking balance.

Librarians Report:

- Petty cash is \$14.81.
- We briefly discussed the Dolly Parton program and how to increase enrollment. We have 16 enrollees out of a potential 25 eligible children. The city newsletter was suggested and Doris Brosnan's Good News column in the GT and perhaps placing registration forms at both of the churches.
- Rachell will report on the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) convention next month
- 110 bags were given out for Halloween.
- Rachell is still working on the inventory and organization of the children's section and Becky has been working on reports.

Old Business:

- The website is up and running, thanks to Bobbi and Anne. The first 2 months are free to us and then the fee is \$50 per month. The librarians will need to be added and work through a tutorial before they can add data to the site. No Word documents will be allowed. All must be converted to PDFs.
- The 4 tall shelves have been ordered and the estimated ship date is February 1. The end piece to make the 61" adder unit into a standalone shelf will be sent and it should be shipped in about 3 weeks. Becky will check on the replacement back for the short unit.
- Changing officer titles from President/Vice President to Chairman/Vice Chairman will take a revision to our policies. Bobbi suggested that we review all of our policies. We will work on one or two each month, starting with the policy that names the officers.
- It was decided that the book drop will be painted to make it look fresher. Bobbi and Becky will sand it and paint it.
- Kathy Skinner is the only applicant for Summer Reading Program (SRP) coordinator. She called with her interest in the position. Kathy has experience as a teacher, crafter and care-giver. The board would like to have a letter expressing her interest and qualifications. Since she will not be alone with the kids, no background check will be necessary. We will be granted \$250 to use at the iRead online store for supplies for the SRP. The board agreed with scheduling Tuesdays in the last 3 weeks in June, skipping the 4th of July week, and the following 3 weeks in July. The time slot will be 10 – 11:30 and Becky will book the Legion Hall.

New Business:

- There is a \$61 cash carry over from the SRP. This was from money used to reimburse Perk and Brews and The Ione Market for the redemption of reading certificates. Apparently, some of the certificates were not redeemed. The cash will be turned back to Anne to be deposited in the 2021 SRP line item.

For the Good of the Order:

Ideas were discussed on how to increase use of the library. Bobbi suggested a book exchange and will help facilitate that. Craft nights for varying age groups were talked about and an effort will be made to plan those for the upcoming year. It is especially difficult to get teens and young readers to use libraries. The school is considering having students use our sage system to order materials. Having a guest card for students who live in areas without free library access (Lexington) was suggested and all felt like that is something that we can accomplish when we review the policies.

The next meeting will be on December 20 at 6:00.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Doherty, Librarian