

Ione Library District Board Meeting
5-18-26 Ione Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Betty Rietmann.

Roll was called. Board members present: Deb Campbell (Zoom), Margo Sherer (phone), Ann Clabaugh, Betty Rietmann, and Anne Morter (zoom). Librarians Becky Doherty and Rachell Hughes also attended.

The minutes from the April 20, 2026 meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

2025-26 YTD and the April I/E reports were provided. There was nothing particularly noteworthy in either report. The checking balance is \$1,915.82 (5/12/26). The County Investment Fund 662 \$84,293.68 and the reserve fund 686 \$305,410.89 (4/08/26).

Librarians Report:

- The rest room is not ADA compliant and the public is not supposed to use it.
- Two fill-in librarians have begun to be trained. They are Gayle Eynetich and Brayden McNeil. Both are doing well and background checks through SDAO will be ordered soon and their withholding documents will be sent to Anne and Dan.
- Rachell noted that the price of books keeps increasing with a large-print book costing around 30 dollars. She will continue to spend around \$300 per month, which get the library about 18 books. She will try to order one large print book each month.

Old Business:

- Ann reported that she has been working with Patrice on the Hispanic Community Engagement process. We missed the deadline for the intern through the Port of Morrow. Ann hopes to meet with Patrice and some of the kids to find out what they want from the library. It is possible that English Language classes could be offered.
- Lea is progressing with the SRP which will take place on the 4 Tuesdays in July. The STEM program will be offered on the 1st Tuesday in August. No other programs will be purchased due to the problem with getting the kids gathered during off days in the summer. Becky hopes to work with the school to bring programs in for the elementary and maybe middle school students. We can try to partner with the Ed Foundation to cover costs.
- The library's phone number has been ported to a cell phone through US Cellular/T-Mobile. A Wi-Fi phone was ordered through Amazon but we were not able to get it connected. The Amazon phone was returned. The cell phone was free. We were changed to a business account and our monthly bill will probably increase from \$30 to \$45. Becky will continue to explore other options.
- The estimate from DCC for computer replacements was discussed. The bid for new public computers is \$1,546 apiece. A new larger monitor for the librarians is \$420 and replacing our firewall would cost \$120 per month for hardware and maintenance. The public computers are still running well and are rarely used so the board thought that they do not need to be replaced at this time. The firewall has not had any issues so replacing it is not needed at this time. A larger monitor for the librarian's desk is needed and Becky

will get more information on the monitor that DCC has quoted. Ann C. moved and Anne M seconded that the main monitor will be replaced and we will keep the other equipment.

New Business:

- Lea will be offering a writing workshop for teens on Tuesdays in July. She will use the library in the evening.

For the Good of the Order:

Anne M. cautioned us to be very aware of phishing and scams on our computers especially after the ransom-ware incident that occurred at schools and colleges around finals time.

Becky noted that the budget hearing is in June and we need to publish soon. Ann C. asked for clarification on what the role of the budget committee was vs what the board does at the hearing. The difference is that the BC approves the budget and the board adopts the budget at the hearing.

Betty Rietmann adjourned the meeting at 6:43.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Doherty, Librarian