

Ione Library District Board Meeting  
3-16-26 Ione Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairperson, Deb Campbell.

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

The minutes from the January 19, 2026 meeting were approved. There was no meeting in February and so no minutes to review.

**Financial Report:**

2025-26 YTD and the December I/E reports were provided. There was nothing particularly noteworthy in either report. The checking balance is \$9,424.95 (3/16/26). The County Investment Fund 662 \$95,017.64 and the reserve fund 686 \$303,918.29 (2/10/26).

**Librarians Report:**

- 6 of the Noah's Ark stuffies were used by the preschool this month. Each child took home the stuffie she worked on. There are still 6 unstuffed animals available.
- We still have not heard anything on the unclaimed money claim that was submitted to the state.
- The library hosted a Puzzle Palooza on the 9<sup>th</sup>. 7 people in 3 teams participated in the challenge of completing a 300 piece jigsaw puzzle in 2 hours. Each participant received a small prize (book mark, chocolate bar, chocolate easter bunny).

**Old Business:**

- The STEM program from EOU will be scheduled for August. There is no charge for the program.
- No progress has been made on the Hispanic Community Engagement process.
- Becky reported to the board that Dolly Parton's Imagination Library had distributed 4 million books in Oregon. Most libraries have joined in the program.

**New Business:**

- There is a need for another fill-in librarian. Kristy travels often and Jalene has the baby so to be sure that someone is always available, with advanced notice. We have received one application and will post on Facebook that we are looking for another fill-in before we hire from that application. There will be a 2 week deadline.
- The library's phone is not working. US Cellular was contacted and they moved it on to T-Mobile. It was suggested that we look into a cell phone or one of the Verizon home boxes. The board instructed Becky to look into the options and cost so that we can get our phone back in order.
- Becky shared the 2026-27 estimated district value with the board. The total estimated taxes for 26-27 are basically the same as 25-26.
- A budget calendar was offered to the board and accepted.
- The Budget Committee membership was discussed. Becky will contact the district members that have been willing to serve in the past and will assemble the 5-member committee. The board agreed to have her do that in the next day or 2. The BC meeting will be just before the April 20 board meeting.

- The employee evaluation was scheduled for this meeting. Becky has requested that the evaluation be postponed until the next meeting so that all of the board members could participate. The board agreed.

**For the Good of the Order:**

N/A

President Deb Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:31.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Doherty, Librarian