

**New Boston Library Board Minutes**  
**New Boston, 0 02055**  
**November 21, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 6:25 pm. by Jo.

Member's present were: Jo Straub, Vince Mast, Vivian Baxter, Jolly Baxter, Travis Farrell, Vicki, the Librarian. Absent were Diane Huerstler and Jennifer Huerstler.

**Librarian Report:**

Vicki distributed the October 2022 Librarian reports to board members and the reports were reviewed. Vicki went over and revamped the activities that took place in October. Trick or Treat in the Park on October 17<sup>th</sup> was a success with around 800 kids coming through this year. She stated they have enough book marks left over to use again next year and will then only need to purchase candy for the event. The Village Wide Yard Sale took place on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The library made \$111 by participating in the Village wide sale. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Library Crawl took place during the full month of October. The library saw an increased number in patrons from other libraries visiting our library and with our patrons participating in the event. The library had 100+ visitors during the event and ran out of the purchased gift for this year so gave out gifts left over from last year. They also made up special little bags to give to the young patrons who came in to the library during the crawl. Vicki is planning next years gift of a magnetic calendar that will say it's always a Good Day to Visit the Library. She is investigating costs from various vendors.

The library participated in the Festival of Trees and the tree they created is now on display in the entry of the library.

Family Reading Night was held Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and had 44 standing (31 children and 11 adults plus 2 dogs). Everyone had a great time and the dogs were well behaved and a real treat for the children. Refreshments were served, dog bone shaped cookies that Diane Straub made along with water, drink boxes and apple cider to drink. Each child went home with a gift bag that had a coloring poster, stickers, book marks, removable tattoo and a small stuffed dog with an I love to Read shirt on it.

Carpet cleaning was done on November 17<sup>th</sup> and the carpets look amazing. The company was amazing and very professional.

Julie Edwards and Duke Edwards came to the library on a Friday morning in October and cleaned out the gutters. They also unlogged a downspout. Hopefully they will be functioning better now.

Vicki reminded the board that Story Time on the Polar Express will take place Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Vicki is working on the Per Capita Grant which is due in January, 2023. She went over the sections of the Serving Our Public 4 E Standards for Illinois Public Libraries requirements for the board. They have also been scanned and sent to the board members.

Vicki notified the board that Rhonda Siegrist has resigned her position and her last day will be November 21, 2022.

The library was taken to Village Hall in October after the October board meeting. Vivian asked Vicki if she thought our numbers have recovered from the pandemic. It is hard to determine fully but the numbers appear to be up significantly over the past few months.