

New Boston Library Board Minutes
New Boston, IL 62362
March 28, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vivian.

Member's present were: Vince Huan (late), Vivian Bender, Judy Bueh, Travis Sauer, Jennifer Bradson, Diane Wierzbiter, and Vicki, the Librarian. Absent was Jo Street.

Librarian Report:

Vicki distributed the February 2023 Librarian report to board members and the report was reviewed.

Vicki recapped the activities that took place in February. Circulation was up again even though it was a short month. Thursday, March 2, was Dr. Sauer's birthday and the library had a Story Time party to celebrate. There were about 90 attendees, bags for the kids, treats, cake, and everybody had a good time. Vicki would like to have four night story time events during the year. She is thinking about a back to school night in Aug with possibly hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, and pass out small school supplies.

Amazon is stopping magazine subscriptions and Vicki will have to go straight to the magazine companies to subscribe. She just updated all of them, so we are good for a while.

Parking is an issue again on Saturdays. They are still blocking in the library work area and the mailbox. They will try using the cones the whole time the library is open.

Vicki contacted the electronic sign company concerning the graphics package. They do have a graphic package for libraries, but we would have to purchase a new sign and there is nothing wrong with ours. They do provide technical support but at a cost.

Vicki discussed a program called Black4Libraries/Persons. The library pays a membership fee that year for our size library the fee was 500 per year and patrons of the library can access everything at home. They have well known authors speak about their books and a patron logs in with the link from our library and they can watch it. Other informative information is available. Vicki is thinking about doing this.

The front wrap room has older square tables in it and Vicki asked if we needed to keep them. Someone is interested in purchasing them. Vicki does not need them for customer seating. Board told her if she didn't need them or use them to sell them.

Secretary's Report:

February minutes were reviewed. Vivian mentioned for February minutes to be approved. July second. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for February was reviewed.

Vivian said the \$6,000 funds loaned to the Village in February 2022 and returned to the Library from PCB Bill Pay in June 2022 will be returned to the Village. When the Village tried to cash the check a stop payment had been placed on the old check.