

New Baden Library Board Minutes
New Baden, IL 62265
April 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jo.

Member's present were: Jo Stroot, Vince Haun, Vivian Bossler, Judy Baehr, Travis Santel, Jennifer Hendron, Diane Hoerchler, and Vicki, the Librarian.

Librarian Report:

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

-Vicki recapped the activities that took place in March. All the library numbers were up again. March 2 was Dr. Seuss's birthday which Vicki recapped last month.

-April 29 is the village wide garage sale and we will have items for donation. Vicki would like to have a bake sale also. If anyone would like to donate a baked item, please drop them at the library.

-April 23-29 is National Library Week and Vicki would like to have a little something for patrons coming to our library during that time.

-Vicki and Julie took a book repairing webinar. We don't get a lot of damaged books, but we will know how to handle them if we do.

-Illinois Libraries Present will cost our library \$70.00 per year. They will have 11 virtual programs with popular authors and Vicki will subscribe next fiscal year.

-Two different organizations, domestic violence, and epilepsy, approached Vicki about having training for the library staff and the public. The domestic violence organization would probably be more for the library staff. The epilepsy organization would be for both the library staff and the public. Vicki will get more information on both events.

Secretary's Report:

March minutes were reviewed. Vince motioned for March minutes to be approved. Judy second. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for March was reviewed.

-Vivian said the \$6,005 funds was reissued to the Village.

-There is an offset under disbursements, account #474 for cake.

-Jo asked about the CD money. It was on the report, but the last two lines did not print it.

-This is the last month of our fiscal year and we have about \$10,000 to spend. Vicki might order the bean bags for the children's area.

-Vince made a motion to approve the March 2023 financial reports and pay April 2023 bills. Judy second. Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

-Delivery service for the home-bound has started.

-Vicki has not done anything with the computer situation yet but will check into how many we will really need and work with Lazerware.

-Jo was not present at the last meeting but would like to volunteer for the summer reading program.

-Vicki is waiting until May to purchase Adobe for the library.

-Vicki has not heard anything more on the Governor of Illinois's new law effective January 2024 concerning any employee working over 40 hours must be given 1 hour of paid vacation.

- IL Secretary of State asks we protect against censorship. We will have to have more detailed policy and procedures on this issue.

New Business

- Judy made a motion to keep the library board officers the same for the next fiscal year. Jennifer second. Approved. Officers are President, Jo Stoot, Vice President, Vince Haun, Treasurer, Vivian Bossler, Secretary, Diane Hoerchler.

-There was a lot of discussion on fines in the library last month. Vicki wants to do away with the fines. It is not cost-effective for the amount of staff work done for the fines. Vicki wrote a new policy for no fines and presented it to the board. Judy made a motion to adopt the No Fine Policy. Jennifer second. Approved.

-There is a little library in the park and Vicki will put books there after the yard sale.

-There was discussion concerning a lengthy text about comic books. The first Saturday in May is free comic book day. Vicki would like to order 50 to give away. These would be children's comic books, not adult. Comic books are different than graphic novels. Travis is very familiar with comic books and will get with Vicki to decide which ones to purchase. Hopefully, this will be another avenue to encourage kids to start reading.

-Congratulations to those who were elected to the library board.

- There was discussion on parking, again, and how the Village sponsored farmers market affected the library on Saturday, April 8. Apparently, the event sponsors thought the library was closed. Vicki talked to Mayor Zurliene and told him we were not closed, and the Village needed better communications with the library on these events. Vicki would like the Village to pave and stripe the Civic Center parking lot. There was discussion about creating parking on the north side of the library for the library. Vicki thinks people using the Civic Center would still park there.

-April 30, 2023 is the end of our fiscal year.

-Diane motioned for meeting adjournment. Vivian second. Meeting adjourned.

-Next monthly meeting will be May 15, 2023, 6:30 PM.

Respectively,

Diane Hoerchler, Secretary