

New Baden Library Board Minutes
New Baden, IL 62260
September 11, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Travis.

Member's present were: Travis Samuel, Jennifer Henderson, Vivian Bowler, Jody Bach, Greg Sweet, Diane Henschler, Vicki, the Librarian. Albert was In Absentia.

Public Comments None

Board Meeting Minutes

August meeting minutes were reviewed. Jody mentioned for August minutes to be approved. All second. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates

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

-The library will be receiving a \$2,000 grant from Amazon. The library was nominated by the cleaning lady's husband who is an employee of Amazon. No restrictions are on the spending of the grant funds.

-Illinois Library Presents is in their third season. Our library has joined, and the first zoom meeting was with Mr. Wheelbarrow, a Pulitzer Prize winner. It was very worthwhile. Vicki has a list of the other presentations for each month for the next year. The sessions are free, and Vicki will advertise on Facebook.

-Pre-school Story Time started Sept 5. We had seven kids in attendance. The theme for September 19 will be pirates.

-There are several events during Oct.

-The Library Choral is during the month of Oct, and we will participate. Vicki has prays for adults and children.

-Halloween in the Park is Fri, Oct 20. Vicki will pass out candy and bookmarks.

-The Village wide yard sale is Sat, Oct 21. We will have a book sale with books and other items. Since there is nothing at the Civic Center this time, we might not need to hold as much stuff. Booked items need to be in a bag or wrapped, labeled with what it is and if it contains tabs.

-Libby/Hoopla are online services for a price. Hoopla is per item and Libby is based on the size of your population. Hoopla has books, movies, TV shows, and magazines. Libby is basically ebooks and audio books. We currently have internet, which is through Illinois Heartland. There was a lot of discussion on this topic, but it was not decided if the library should pursue this additional online service.

-Vicki was able to purchase Adobe for \$60 for one of the computers.

-Alma Florist will not be able to get the rose for Vince Haas's memorial until later in the fall, but Vicki does have the plugs.

-Vicki never heard from Mark Thaler about making shelves in the little kid's area and

Tim Dixon about build a cabinet with doors for storage in the front room. She contacted Woodin High School and they will build the items and we will only pay for the materials.

-Vicki will be reworking the Policy/Employer Manuals, but it will take months.