

New Baden Library Board Minutes
New Baden, IL 62145
January 8, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:28 p.m. by Jo.

Member's present were: Jo Street, Travis Saund, Vivian Bonner, Judy Baehr, Greg Street, Jennifer Handberg, Grace Wierzbicki, and Vicki, the Librarian.

Public Comments None

Board Meeting Minutes

November meeting minutes was reviewed. Judy motioned for November minutes to be approved. Travis second. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates:

Vicki distributed the November and December 2023 Librarian reports to board members and the reports were reviewed.

Numbers are still very good.

Report for Dec: Storytime with the Grinch was a lot of fun on Dec 20. There were about 27 in attendance, everybody loved the green snacks, decorations, and the Grinch. The book club met and had a cookie exchange. The Parents Time Out fundraiser was cancelled due to lack of participants. The fire could have been one of the reasons for the non-interest.

WiFi usage on the reports is zero, but Vicki thinks people are sitting around in vehicles and using it. She set some time to show the usage on the report. There was a lot of discussion on possibly getting a password protected WiFi or just trying to see how many people access the WiFi. Vicki said the Illinois Secretary of State is concerned about people in remote areas not having access to Internet and possibly giving libraries funding to allow people availability for Internet. It would be good to know how many people access ours. Vicki will contact Lawrence and see if they have a tracking for it.

Eliza will be here this summer at the library. She has already worked on the adult reading challenge calendar for 2024.

Vicki received the summer guide for the summer reading program for 2024 which is Read, Remove, Repeat. It's similar to last year, with recycling, endangered animals, and conservation. Vicki might contact the zoo, Taylor Zofman, the waste disposal company, maybe a 'green' group or Carlyle Lake. She would like to have four different STEM events during the program which is every Wed in July. She also needs ideas for items to pass out in the June Inshore parade. Someone suggested jar lid grippers, but kids might not like them as much as the ducks distributed last year. Another suggestion was pins with endangered animals on them.

Every five years the library does an inventory, and this year is the year. It will be a lot of work because things are not coded consistently throughout the library. Joann will need her coding training. Diana volunteered to help with the inventory.

The Window shop teacher contacted Vicki and they started the calligraphy for the book room. Vicki will have them paint it blue like the shelves that were just painted. The teacher came and measured and left a note that the calligraphy would not fit through the doors. Vicki said they discussed it last year and they were supposed to do it in two pieces. She will contact them again.