

New Baden Library Board Minutes
New Baden, IL 62260
February 12, 2024

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

Member's present were: Jo Simon, Travis Samsel, Vivian Bowler, Judy Barbe, Greg Sweet, Diane Buechler, and Vicki, the Librarian. Absent was Jennifer Hamilton.

Public Comments None

Board Meeting Minutes

January meeting minutes were reviewed. Judy mentioned for January minutes to be approved. Vivian second. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates

Vicki distributed the January 2024 Librarian report to board members and the report was reviewed.

-Recap for January: January was slow. No one showed up for the first storytime and the second one we cancelled because of the weather. We were closed three Mondays in a row. The staff worked on ideas for the library. Circulation was up and the numbers for the month were good.

-We put together a basket for the Board Booster fundraiser. All items were donated. The basket was worth about \$15000.

-Jolie had knee surgery and is back to work. Her driving restrictions will be lifted Wednesday.

-Greg is getting paint for the cabinets for the back room. Vicki will get paint to Mr. Bechman at the high school.

-Vicki contacted Laverne and they will do a monthly report showing how many have accessed the library WiFi. For January there were 46 who accessed it and it's shown on Vicki's report. Only guests are reported. There was a little discussion on so many and we are glad to be of service to the public.

-Vicki did not get the staff evaluations completed but will by the end of February.

-Angela Peters came to the library and asked if we could repair books from the New Baden Elementary library. Vicki said yes. She also discussed needing volunteers at the library on Tues, Wed, Thurs from 12:15-2:30. Judy is volunteering on Tues and Diane on Wednesday. Diane explained a bit about the small elementary library and if anyone is interested, they can come on Tues or Wed and learn to work on the computer.

-The picnic was in March 14. There are two tables so far and we might set up a couple more. Each team will have four players. Vicki has ordered the packages. 1st prize is \$15 gift card to Good Old Days, 2nd prize is \$10 gift card to Red Pards, 3rd prize is \$5 gift cards to Berksmann's Bakery. Vicki is going to put together a basket and sell raffle tickets for it. She will do it soon and set it out so people coming to the library can take chances before March 14.

-The Vendor Fair is March 30, the day before Easter. Vicki was contacted about doing a merit table. She asked about doing a bake sale and there will be other vendors with cookies, but we could do muffins, breads, and cakes since it is the day before Easter. Anything the Board