

New Boston Library Board Minutes
New Boston, IL 62360
November 11, 2024

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

Member's present were: Jo Street, Diane Hirschman, Travis Santel, Vivian Bender, Greg Swann, Vicki, the Librarian. Absent was Judy Beale and Jim Smith.

Public Comments None

Board Meeting Minutes

October meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian motioned for October minutes to be approved. Travis second. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates

-Vicki distributed the October 2024 Librarian report to Board members and the report was reviewed.

-Trick or Treat in the Park was Oct 18 and attendance was down. We have enough tattoos for next year. The fall garage/booth sale was the next day, Oct 19. We made \$690.17 that day and the following week an additional \$23. On Halloween night we had about 60 kids stop at the library. The Library Carol was the month of Dec, and we had about 157 people come through the library.

-Book Bingo will be Thurs, Nov 21. We will play ten games of bingo, have snacks, and we have a basket we will sell chances to win.

-Holiday Story Time will be Thurs, Dec 19. It will be a general story time this year.

-Eden will be back to work in the library over Christmas. Inna will probably want time off and Vicki will be going to TX this year on Dec 20.

-The vintage books we had donated for the book sale did not sell. Vicki was thinking about contacting some patrons who visit the front room and see if they were interested, for a price. Greg volunteered to look up prices for the rare books, he might purchase some, or he might post them on eBay.

-We have been trying to get back items that patrons have taken out and not returned. We have called, sent letters, and they seem to be ignored. Vicki passed out new letters they will be sending out and then two weeks later another letter. With the second letter, they will turn the patron information to the police dept. Vicki asked if the letters should be certified. The Board said yes and there should be a two-week deadline for the letters.

-The library will start getting rid of duplicate copies of books.

-There have been some conversations between employees about things Vicki feels should come to her. She will speak to the employees.

Financial Report

Treasurer's Report for October was reviewed.

-Vivian distributed the receipts and expenses, the overall budget for the year, bills to pay, and the bank reconciliation. We are at the six-month point and are a little under 50% spent, for the year.

-One of the CD's is maturing on Nov 22 and Vivian will interest it.

-Diane made a motion to approve the October 2024 financial reports, pay November bills and October debit card bills. Vivian seconded. The treasurer's report was approved.