

New Boston Library Board Minutes
New Boston, RI, 02360
March 18, 2025

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

Member's present were: Jo Sweet, Diane Hirschbie, Yvris Santel, Greg Sweet, Vivian Bowles, Tim Smith, Vicki, the Librarian. Absent was Judy Butler.

Public Comments: None

Board Meeting Minutes:

February meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian motioned for February minutes to be approved. Greg second. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates:

-Vicki distributed the February 2025 Librarian report to Board members and the report was reviewed.

-Numbers were slightly down but we were closed for several days due to weather. We had no extra activities, but we did add 9 new patrons.

-The hot/cold machine had to go back midlate Feb, but we requested it again and got it right back. However, the labels were not correct, and the machine had to go back for a short time. We are not finished with the hot/cold, but we are getting close. Vicki had us look at the young adult modification station which went from 3 shelves to 2 1/2. Vicki is concerned about not having books to offer but she thinks kids are using the internet more for modification. It was recommended Vicki contact other schools to see what they offer students and maybe order new books. It was also suggested, if we get new young adult modification books, to put an article online and in the newspapers.

-Trevi installed the new smoke alarm.

-The April paperback sale is Saturday, April 26. We will have 50 bags to fill with books. The library will also have a bake sale. If anyone is interested in baking, it would be appreciated.

- Vicki has been ordering stuff for the summer reading program. Stephanie, Jo's daughter, has volunteered to be the reader this summer.

-The man who wanders around town and visits the picnic table by the library has started to come inside in the late afternoon/evenings. Vicki is thinking she might have two people work the later shift. He has not caused any problems, but we don't want any issues. She will monitor how often he comes into the library the next month.

-Diane brought a name and phone number of a cleaning group to Vicki since we are not happy with the current janitor. Vicki contacted them and they came to the library and said they would charge \$200 a week, possibly \$175. The initial cleaning would be about 3-4 hours and then 2-3 1/2 hours each week after that. We currently pay the janitor \$100 a week. There was discussion about having them every other week. Joany is going to check on another person he knows to maybe give us a bid.

Financial Report

Treasurer's Report for February was reviewed.

-Vivian distributed the receipts and expenses, the overall budget for the year, the bills to pay, and the bank reconciliation.

-Vicki explained in detail about the issues with the door repair cost under bills to pay.

-Diane asked about the CD maturing March 22 and it will roll over.