Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

June 4, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Rich Lawson.

Present: Sandy Cook, President (late) Rich Lawson, Vice-President

Mindi Schultz, Treasurer Linda Engels, Secretary

Mike DeLoose (left early) Annette Essary

Barb Harrison Mark Trego

Kathy Carter Lill Batson, Director

Public Comment: Members of the public are invited to speak to the Board of Trustees.  Please identify yourself when called upon.  Comments are to be limited to three (3) minutes or less.  In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, actions may not be taken on items not already on the agenda, but action may be deferred to a later Board meeting at the discretion of the Board.

Treasurer’s Report:

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Mike DeLoose moved to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Barb Harrison seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary’s Report:

The secretary’s report was reviewed. Mike DeLoose made a motion to accept the secretary’s report with the corrections made. Annette Essary seconded. Motion passed.

Director’s Report:

The circulation numbers are still good. Interlibrary loan is going well. We are processing requests for other libraries in Illinois outside of our library system and libraries from other states.

Summer reading started today. We had 9 children come for story time and to make a craft. We used small frames to make faux stained-glass pictures. We have 3 more story times/crafts scheduled for June. Each week Jeff will hide a leaf in the library for children to find. We will also be handing out scavenger hunts for the kids to do. For prizes, children need to complete a bingo card with various challenges in addition to weekly reading.

The library system has added categories to our database so I can add items to the Library of Things. I will work on that as I have time.

The American Library Association (ALA) announced that the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has been reinstated and promised grant monies are being paid. It looks like IMLS will be budgeted for 2026.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Raise For Lill – Final Action

Lill reminded the board that at the November meeting they made a motion to review an additional $1.00 per hour raise for Lill at the June meeting. After a brief discussion, Rich Lawson moved to give Lill $1.00 per hour effective July 1 with Barb Harrison seconding. Before Sandy Cook could call for a vote, there were additional questions about the raise and tax monies. Mike DeLoose had to leave for work. Rich Lawson withdrew his motion. After more discussion, Mindi Schultz moved to table a raise for Lill until the November meeting. Linda Engels seconded. The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Swear in New Trustees – Final Action

Linda Engels swore in new trustees Mark Trego, Kathy Carter, Mike DeLoose and Rich Lawson.

Officer – Final Action

President Sandy Cook presented the slate of officers for re-election. Mindi Schultz moved to accept the slate of officers. Linda Engels seconded. Motion passed.

Repairs – Current & Old Buildings – Final Action

Lill presented a quote from Christ Walsten to repair a window at the old library. It is a double pane window with a hole in the outer pane. The cost to repair the window is $950.00. She also presented a quote to repair a leak in the east window and replace soffits at our current building for $750.00 and to replace gutters on the north and south side of the building, including a downspout on the south side, for $1,500.00. After some discussion Mindi Schultz moved to have all the repairs ~~down~~ done as soon as possible. Rich Lawson seconded. Motion passed.

Rich Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Trego seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm. Next regular meeting is August 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm.