

Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

February 2, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Linda Engels, Secretary

Annette Essary

Lill Batson, Director

Absent:                      Mindi Schultz, Treasurer

Mike DeLoose

Barb Harrison

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:

Sandy Cook presented the treasurer's report. Annette Essary moved to accept the report as presented with Rich Lawson seconding. Motion passed.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The secretary's report was reviewed. Annette Essary made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Rich Lawson seconded. Motion passed.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Lill reported that the library numbers are still good. There is no update on the Zimmerman lawsuit. The Friends of the Library and RNA Chapter 20066 will not be holding trivia in February this year. They may try for September or October. Lill reported she has been exposed several times to Covid but has tested negative so far. She did purchase some rapid tests for the library so staff can test when informed of exposure.

The library received the check for the computer and generator grant. Lill was able to purchase 8 new computers and 2 new monitors. She is getting quotes for the generator.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The board discussed renting the old library building. After some discussion, Linda Engels moved to rent the building for \$300 damage deposit, \$300 per month rent, renter pays all utilities and carries their own insurance on contents, renter does snow removal and mows the grass. Annette Essary seconded. Motion passed.

#### FINE FREE ? FINAL ACTION

Lill brought up going fine free. The amount the library brings in in fines is very small. She proposed eliminating late fees and only charging the patron if the material is lost or damaged. After some discussion, Annette Essary moved to go fine free effective April 1, 2022. Linda Engels seconded. Motion passed.

Rich Lawson made a motion to close the meeting with Annette Essary seconding. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. Next regular meeting is March 2, 2022 at 6pm.