Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

May 7, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm. Lill immediately noted to the board that the agenda is wrong. The July 5 closing should be under New Business, not Old Business.

Present: Sandy Cook, President Rich Lawson, Vice-President

Mindi Schultz, Treasurer Linda Engels, Secretary

Mike DeLoose Annette Essary

Lill Batson, Director

Absent: 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:

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

Secretary’s Report:

The secretary’s report was reviewed. Mindi Schultz 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. The library has joined LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing). This should help us when we request items through OCLC. Lill also mentioned IMLS being defunded. There is currently a federal court that has halted it temporarily. Still waiting to hear if it will be put back into the FY26 budget.

Summer reading program starts June 2 with the first activity June 4. We will have activities each Wednesday in June with two take-home crafts in July before the end of summer party. Lill is working to get Knowledge Exchange to come out this way to pick up weeded/donated books. They are out of Chicago so she will reach out to area libraries to see if they would be interested.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Closing July 5 – Final Action

Lill requested the library close July 5 for the 4th of July holiday. Mindi Schultz moved to closed on Saturday July 5 with Annette Essary seconding. Motion passed.

Closed Meeting – Review Closed Meeting Minutes – Final Action

Mindi Schultz moved to close the regular meeting at 6:08pm. Annette Essary seconded. Motion passed.

Regular meeting called back to order at 6:11pm. Roll call was the same with Barb Harrison still absent. Mindi Schultz moved to leave the minutes closed. Rich Lawson seconded. Motion passed.

Mindi Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting. Annette Essary seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm. Next regular meeting is June 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm.