

Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

March 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Mindi Schultz, Treasurer Linda Engels, Secretary

Annette Essary Barb Harrison

Lill Batson, Director

Absent: Mike DeLoose

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:

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

Secretary's Report:

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

Director's Report:

Lill reported that the library numbers are still good. She reported that attendance at the story times has been very low or none at all. She will wait until summer reading to start story times up again and ask parents when they would prefer to have them – morning, afternoon, day of week. Trivia went well this year with \$2,044 raised. Royal Neighbors will match \$1,000 of that. Plans are under way for the summer reading program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Generator

Lill announced that the generator has been completely installed and connected. The library was closed March 30 so Ameren could disconnect the power, install a new transformer, and reconnect the power. Unfortunately, Ameren also disconnected power to Image Design and the house next door. We did not know that was happening so could not forewarn anyone. The generator will run everything in the library during a power outage. Lill verified with Galesburg Electric that the library will have a maintenance agreement. Galesburg Electric will contact us next year to come

change the oil and check over the generator. It is set up to test each Tuesday morning. The generator has been added to the insurance policy.

New BUSINESS:

Decennial Committee

Lill announced a new State legislation that requires the library to have a Decennial Committee (meaning it meets every 10 years) to prepare a report for the County regarding efficiency and accountability. The entire board and the director are on the committee. The board president needs to appoint at least 2 VPLD residents to serve on the committee. They must meet at least 3 times during an 18 month period with the first meeting held no later than June 10. The committee can meet as part of the regular board meeting. IF members of the public are at the board meeting, the board must survey the attendees at the end of the board meeting. Lill will try to find out more information on what is required to be put in the report. So far, the State Library has not offered any guidance. We need resident suggestions for the May meeting.

Grass Mowing

Lill announced she has reached out to Kevin Miller to see if he is interested in mowing the grass for the library. He is looking for a few mowing jobs since he is retired. She has not heard back from him so she will talk to him again.

Memorial Day Closing – Final Action

Lill requested the library close on Saturday May 27 so she and Jeff can both attend family gatherings that day. Mindi Schultz moved to close the library May 27 with Rich Lawson seconding. Motion passed.

Rich Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting with Barb Harrison seconding. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm. Next regular meeting is May 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm.