

Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

June 1, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Linda Engels, Secretary Mindi Schultz, Treasurer

Annette Essary Barb Harrison

Mike DeLoose (arrived late) 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:

Mindi Schultz presented the treasurer's report. Barb Harrison 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. Summer reading is going well. 25 children are signed up. Crafts are scheduled for every Wednesday in June from 3-4pm. The end of summer party, where we draw for prizes, is scheduled for July 20.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zimmerman Collection

Lill reported that she called several collection agencies and only one returned her call. She spoke at length with the gentleman regarding referring Mr. Zimmerman for collection. Based on the fact we already have a judgment against him, the collection agency said there really wasn't anything further they could do. Since he already has tax liens and judgments in the Iowa courts, they would not be willing to try to collect any monies.

Lill also reported that Phil Lenzini and Ann Pieper did additional research into Mr. Zimmerman. They found he owes both the State of Iowa and the IRS over \$80,000 in unpaid back taxes that go back to 2009. They also found where several judgments have been awarded in Iowa courts prior to ours. Based on this information, they strongly advise the library to move on from Mr. Zimmerman.

After some discussion, Mindi Schultz moved that the library move on and stop trying to collect from Mr. Zimmerman and move on. Seconded by Linda Engels. Motion passed.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Library Signage

Annette Essary informed the board the signs should be done within a few days. She will pick them up when they are completed.

New BUSINESS:

Closed Meeting ? Review Old Minutes ? Final Action

Annette Essary moved to close the regular meeting with Rich Lawson seconding. Meeting closed at 6:32pm.

Sandy Cook called the regular meeting back to order at 6:36pm. Linda Engels did roll call. All board members still present.

Mindi Schultz moved to keep the closed meeting minutes closed. Rich Lawson seconded. Motion passed.

Annette Essary made a motion to close the meeting with Barb Harrison seconding. Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm. Next regular meeting is August 3, 2022 at 6pm.