Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

March 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Sandy Cook, President Mindi Schultz, Treasurer

Ric Lawson, Vice-President Annette Essary

Lill Batson, Director

Absent: Mike DeLoose, Linda Engels, 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:

Mindi Schultz presented the treasurer’s report. Annette Essary moved to approve the secretary’s report as presented. Rich Lawson seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary’s Report:

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

Director’s Report:

Lill announced that the library has been awarded an American Library Association accessibility grant for $20,000.00. The grant will be used to install new handicap accessible entry doors to the building, and hopefully do some repairs to the parking lot, too. There are online seminars she needs to attend regarding the grant and we have until 2025 to complete the grant requirements. She will get quotes for the work to make the money go as far as possible. The entryway will need to change to make access easier and accommodate the ADA rules.

Lill announced that the library won a 1950’s era radio in a drawing from Tumble Books. We can keep the radio or use it for a drawing. She doesn’t know yet if the radio works.

Numbers for interlibrary loans are still good. People are enjoying working on puzzles when they come to the library and are still borrowing puzzles and a few games. Take home crafts are popular with the children and they look for them now when coming in.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**New BUSINESS:**

Trivia Fundraiser – RNA Donation

Lill announced that the February trivia fundraiser brought in $2,897.00, including $1,000.00 in matching funds from Royal Neighbors. She informed the board the funds will be used to help fix the parking lot. She will look into the cost for cement and asphalt to see which way to go.

RSA Contract – Final Action

Lill presented the board with a new RSA contract for the circulation system. RSA is becoming independent from other systems so the cost over the next several years will increase to almost $4,000.00 per year. She said the increased cost will be put in the library’s budget and changes made to line items to accommodate this increase. After some discussion, Rich Lawson moved to approve and sign the new contract. Mindi Schultz seconded. Motion passed. Contract was signed.

Annette Essary moved to adjourn the meeting with Mindi Schultz seconding. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm. Next regular meeting is April 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm.