Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

March 5, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm.

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

Mindi Schultz, Treasurer

Mike DeLoose Annette Essary

Lill Batson, Director

Absent: 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:

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. Annette Essary made a motion to accept the secretary’s report with the corrections made. Mindi Schultz 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. We changed our OCLC account to make our items available worldwide. We will not send to libraries outside of the US. Requests from other states are increasing. We had 8 out-of-state requests but were only able to fill 3 because items were already checked out. We had 7 in-state requests and were able to fill 5 of those.

The Children’s Christmas Store went very well. We had someone donate $100.00 to help cover costs for kids. We split that between the two cashier stations and had them keep track of the number of children they saw. Each child was given one free item. We had more than 50 children so Royal Neighbors covered the cost for those children. We made $1400 from the store and have already purchased some items for next year.

We will be starting up adult crafts this month beginning on Wednesday March 19 at 10:00am. Adults will make coasters using old CDs and DVDs, felt for the bottom and material for the top. We will then use mod podge to harden the material and make it waterproof. Jeff is starting to plan the summer reading program, including crafts.

Lill is working on the Library of Things rules to send to the library system so we can barcode and circulate the puzzles, games, individual waffle iron, 1 cup ice cream maker, panini maker and other items. I went through the cake molds that were donated and most were in iffy condition so we donated them to Goodwill. We also donated old plastic candy molds that were pretty brittle.

Our Royal Neighbor chapter is going to split the cost with the Edwards River Public Library District for a subscription to Book Page. It is published monthly and highlights new releases in several genres. The cost will be $210.00 and we will receive 25 copies to give out to patrons for free.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

FLSA – Update

Lill mentioned that the increased annual salary was not put into effect January 1. A federal judge in Texas ruled against it. That decision is being appealed so we will wait to see what happens next.

Roger Zimmerman Update

Lill reported to the board that Mr. Zimmerman passed away December 30, 2023. He was arrested in April 2023 for swindling, confidence game, theft of less than $10,000 and charged with a felony that would have resulted in prison time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trivia Fundraiser – RNA Donation

Lill reported that the trivia night raised $1,950.00 in Viola and $305.00 in Palatine. Royal Neighbors will match $1,000.00. The money will be with the remaining ALA grant for the parking lot.

ALA Grant - Update

Lill brought the board up-to-date on the parking lot repair. She reached out to Taylor Ridge Paving & Construction. They will get a quote to us within the week. After some discussion, the board advised to request at least 3 inches of asphalt and check the cost for resealing in 6 months. She will talk to Jacob to find out what forms/permits the library needs to do the work.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

Glass Window at Other Building

Lill mentioned that there is a small hole in one of the front windows at the old library building. She has contacted Doherty Brothers for a quote and repair.

Rich Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting with Annette Essary seconding. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm. Next regular meeting is April 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm.