

CARLINVILLE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

February 5, 2024

The Carlinville Library Board met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2024. President Rosentreter called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Members present were Peg Fehr, Tom Emery, Polly Eldred, Diane Aikin, Sue Rush, Rosemary Clark and Dana Yowell, along with Library Director Hannah Miller. A quorum was present.

Public Comments and Correspondence: Clark read the introduction of Hannah Miller from Angela Verticchio at the Carlinville Chamber of Commerce recent event. H. Miller and the library were presented with the Organization of the Year.

The regular minutes of the January 8 meeting were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Emery and seconded. The motion carried with all eight members in favor to accept the minutes.

A copy of the financial report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. In Treasurer Ziedler's absence Director Miller reported the library received the fourth property tax installment as well as the Personal Property Replacement Tax. H. Miller also stated the library is on target with our budget projections for the year. A motion was made by Clark and seconded. The motion was carried with a unanimous roll call vote that the treasurer's report and paying of bills be accepted..

OLD BUSINESS:

QUIET STUDY ROOM COMMITTEE POLICY REVIEW: Emery and Rush, Quiet Study Room Committee, made a revision to the library policy regarding the small study room, which was sent to Board members before the meeting. After some discussion a motion was moved by Aikin and seconded to accept the changes. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 1 against.

PURCHASE OF NEW BOOK DROP: Discussion was held on the new book drop. Director Miller had pictures and price quotes from several companies. The members had further questions. H. Miller will find the answers and we will address the issue at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPLACING SIGNAGE: H. Miller passed around different colored logos for the board's review for refreshing the outside library sign. After much discussion we will revise the old sign with brighter colors. We will review more colors and logos at our next meeting. No brackets have arrived as of yet for the new banners.

NEW HIRE: Mikayla Rogers, our college student employee, gave notice that she needed to quit working at the library for the semester. H. Miller said we need to hire someone willing to work Saturdays, some evenings, and possibly some Fridays. A notice will be put on the library web

page, Facebook and H. Miller will contact the High School Counselor for any recommendations she may have.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

H. Miller reported she has completed a DECEO (Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity) grant hoping to upgrade our computers as well as offer computer classes.

16 new library cards were made in January and there were 4 non-resident card renewals. 2,671 total physical items were checked out with an additional 508 e-resources checked out on Libby.

SKPL (Science Kits for Public Libraries) reached out to H. Miller. They would like to feature our library's science kit program for their newsletter next month.

Storytime remains popular, with 27 kids and their caregivers attending the four sessions in January. Catch a Yeti STEAM Day was held Thursday afternoon, February 1 (school let out early). Tables were set up throughout the library and kids were able to try some or try all of the options available.

Scott Isrinhausen was here in January to give a presentation on the return of bald eagles and the state of fishing in Illinois. Scot is the Urban Fishing Coordinator for IDNR. A crowd of 40 enjoyed his talk.

The new Cookbook Book Club was held on February 18. Eight people attended and shared recipes from our very own Carlinville Library cookbook. The group decided to name this event "Cooking the Books," and the next meeting will be February 22 with any Betty Crocker Cookbook.

Local author, Lee LoBue, came to read his new story, Hungry Dinosaur and the Bad Case of the Tummy Growls, on January 27. He had 45 attendees.

Illinois Valley Community Day Center visited the library January 12th and 17th. A great time was had by all.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:25 PM

Submitted by Secretary Dana Yowell