

IONIA COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Location: Portland District Library

1. Meeting called to order by Cory at 2:55 pm.
 - a. Present: Cory (Portland), Kerry (Saranac Clarksville), Dale (Ionia), Eileen (Portland Youth), Britney (Belding) via Zoom
 - b. Absent: Jennifer (Lake Odessa), Mattie (Lyons)
2. Approval of the agenda: Motion made by Kerry, seconded by Dale to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
3. Approval of the June 9, 2023 minutes: Motion made by Cory, seconded by Britney to approve June minutes. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment: No Public Present
5. Treasurer's Report: Kerry reported that there currently is \$5,175.82 in the general fund and \$1,079.01 in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten fund. All dues were paid in June and July this year, thank you.
6. ICLA Youth Report:
 - a. Eileen reported that the group met in August. Due to the departure of Mike (Ionia), Deb (Lake Odessa) was elected to serve as secretary. Shani (Ionia) has been added to all ICLA youth communications.
 - b. BOTB 2024: A plan will be sent soon to the directors. Changes for 2024 include
 - i. Changing grade levels to 4th and 5th.
 - ii. 3 books- two novels and one graphic novel
 - iii. The group is looking into ways to make the final battle engaging for the kids
 - iv. A code of conduct for participants to follow
 - v. Additional adult volunteers on the stage to monitor behavioral issues
 - c. Talking is Teaching: There are varying levels of use by ICLA Libraries. Great Start may have more funds to provide to the libraries this year.
 - d. 1000 Books before Kindergarten:
 - i. Down to their last box of bags. Directors requested that old sponsors be removed from any new bags and new sponsors take their places
 - ii. Directors: Please encourage your youth staff to ramp up fundraising for this as only three sponsors donated after the last fundraising efforts in 2021.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Promotional Items: Mattie is looking at water bottle options and Cory is investigating bag options. Both will send out information via email and the group can discuss options at the December meeting.

8. New Business:

- a. On The Same Page- 2024- The List: Please see the list that Cory has sent out for 2024 contenders. Please read as many as possible before the December 8th meeting.

9. Sharing Time:

- a. Ionia: Their bank building will be used to host an ice cream and cake social during Ionia's 150th birthday party. Due to a position vacancy, they are retooling the organization and are looking forward to filling their new positions soon.
- b. Belding: Limestone building maintenance being done. Fall programs going well, an adult Sherlock Holmes Mystery Night is being planned for adults.
- c. Saranac: Construction is underway. Good fall program turnout so far.
- d. Portland: Currently reconfiguring story times. A quilling class was held and a new monthly club is being formed to continue this popular activity.

10. Motion to adjourn made by Kerry and supported by Dale, meeting adjourned at 3:21pm.

Next Meeting is Friday, December 8th in Lyons at 10am.