

IONIA COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2024
SOZO'S IONIA

1. Meeting called to order at 10:01 am by Cory Grimminck
 - a. Present: Cory (Portland), Britney Dillon (Belding), Dale Parus (Ionia), Jennifer Salgat (Lake Odessa), Alex Larson (Saranac), Shanni Kerr (Ionia), Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt (Lyons)
 - b. None
2. Introduction of Saranac Clarksville District Library's new director, Alex Larson (welcome, Alex!)
3. Motion by Britney, seconded by Mattie, to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Lakeland Library Cooperative Director to the agenda as suggested by Dale. Motion carried.
4. Jennifer presented the Treasurer's Report
 - a. Cleaned up the account information
 - b. Current balance is \$7,289.73
 - c. Shanni suggested Deb and Jennifer work together to get the numbers to the youth committee due to discrepancies in the reported balances
 - i. It was suggested that a reimbursement form be created
5. Shanni provided an update on the ICLA Youth Committee
 - a. Plans to formalize committee procedures going forward
 - b. Meeting to select books for Ionia County Battle of the Books at the end of October
 - c. Got new bags for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
6. Promotional Item
 - a. Jennifer presented new logo ideas for ICLA and will send out updated ideas based on the feedback received during the meetings
 - b. Discussion of promotional items, including totes, blankets, reusable bags, playing cards, notepads, etc. Plan to discuss further in December.
7. Reminder from Cory to read the titles for On the Same Page in Ionia County since we will be narrowing down the title list in December
 - a. Three books were eliminated from the original list:
 - i. North Woods by Daniel Mason
 - ii. The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
 - iii. The Only One Left by Riley Sager
8. Battle of the Books Budget
 - a. Jennifer inquired about the use of Barnes & Noble gift cards as prizes for Battle of the Books. Discussion of prize alternatives and budget ensued.
9. Dale reported that Lakeland Library Cooperative's Director Carol Dawe is available to present at meetings on various topics, including millages and board relations.
10. Sharing Time:
 - a. Britney reported that summer reading was "amazing" and that they had more adults participate. Fall programs have started up, they have an open spot on their board, and are accepting bids for painting the library
 - b. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, the tour Dale planned to host at the Future ICL was postponed. Dale reported that their summer program went well and had a good number of adults participate.
 - c. Alex reported that they are revamping their adult programming and planning to extend

hours beginning in the fall

- d. Mattie reported that Lyons Township's summer program was successful and that she's looking forward to 2025's theme, fall programs are starting back up
- e. Jennifer reported that summer programs were great and that they are no longer issuing physical library cards but using Patron Point
- f. Cory reported that their summer reading program was "great" and that this was their first year giving out adult prizes, lots of facilities projects and book ban issues, but hoping to be fully staffed by the end of September

11. Motion by Britney, seconded by Mattie, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt