

Florence County Library Board

January 13, 2022

The Florence County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Fran Modschieder on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 4 PM in the School District's meeting room.

- Verification of the meeting notice was given by Stephanie Weber, Librarian.
- Members in attendance were: Fran, Ed Kelley, Jan Gehlhoff, Lisa Freeman, Mike Theis, Debra DeMuri, & Stephanie Weber, Librarian. Excused: Jim Dunkel.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Jan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- On motion by Jan, seconded by Mike to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Debra to approve the October, November & December bills and to send them on to County Audit and Budget. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Mike reported there have been no school building security issues.
- Books on the Bus is continuing each month.
- Stephanie reported that student checkout has been going very smoothly. Students have been very well behaved and polite. Students are welcomed being back in the library for materials checkout. Lisa also commented students expressed a thanks for being back.

New Business:

- Nicolet Federated Library System has given two grants: \$575 being used for large print books & \$150 for youth grab and go bags. Motion by Lisa, seconded by Jan to approve the grants and their use.
- Following the April election, renewal of Library Board member will be approved though the organization of County and School Boards. Approve by County Chairman for the 3 citizen members of the Board will also be approved.
- Each January, Library officers are elected. On motion by Ed, seconded by Jan to continue with the present officers for 2022. Motion carried. The following officers are: Fran, Chairman; Jim, Vice-Chairman; Debra, Secretary.
- Five entertainers for the summer reading program have been booked. Plans are to hold the program in the school cafeteria. If due to unforeseen circumstances the room is not available, the County Forestry Dept will allow the pavilion at Keyes Lake Park to be used free of charge.
- Jan reported the NFLS had no new information to forward to the Board. These meeting have been held by phone or zoom.

Librarian Comments: NFLS received COVID grant money with specific conditions. New shelving for the children's area of approx. \$3,000 has been ordered. Shelving would be more at children's height.

Friends Update: Both Little Free Libraries and Books on the Bus continue. Volunteers stock LFL & BOB are being rotated by the National Honor Society. This group recently received a \$5,000 donation to help with programming. It is very likely that the group will do their rummage sale the first weekend in June. This is their one fund-raiser a year. The microfilm machine which is used for research of the Florence Mining News is not working properly. The group is looking into purchasing a new one. The machine is quite expensive so funding help from other organizations may be needed.

Board Prerogative: Ed suggested we put an article in the newspaper when new shelving is in place just to let the community know the services available through the County/School library.

Debra DeMuri

Secretary