The Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Roll Call was taken by Cathy Frandsen. Members present: Cathy Frandsen, Laura Rochford, Nikki Froehlich, Betsy Beaupre, and Erin Larson (arrived later). Also present: Leann French, Library Director and John Thompson, IFLS Director. Announcement of Quorum was made by Cathy Frandsen and the meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

MSC [Frandsen, Beaupre] to approve the agenda of July 8, 2024.

John Thompson from IFLS gave a presentation about public library board trustee roles and responsibilities.

MSC [Beaupre, Frandsen] to dispense with the reading of the June 10, 2024 minutes.

MSC [Frandsen, Beaupre] to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes.

Public Comment

none

Actions & Reports

Finance

MSC [Rochford, Larson] to approve the Financial Report presented July 8, 2024.

MSC [Rochford, Froehlich] to approve payment of the vouchers presented July 8, 2024.

Old Business

The hours and pay for the month were discussed, no action taken.

New Business

Director's Report

The Open Knitting group continues to meet every Tuesday with steady attendance. Littles Storytime had 2 attendees on June 8th. Monday Summer Reading activities at the park are going well. July 1st had just one session due to lower attendance because of the holiday. Total circulation in June was 1,433, with 691 visits to the library, 9 new patrons, and 96 new items added to the collection. The new copy machine should be installed in the next week. Leann is planning on attending the Polk County Board meeting on July 10th in support of 100% Act 150 reimbursement. John Thompson from IFLS and several other Polk County Library Directors are also attending. Kids Care has been visiting once or twice a week with about 12 children each time. The children check out books to keep and read at the school. The children are also coming in with their families and checking out books to take home. This is contributing to the uptick in new patrons. Weekly Osceola Sun columns (also available on the website) and Polk County library directors Zoom meetings are continuing.

The preliminary 2025 library budget was discussed, no action taken.

MSC [Rochford, Larson] to reject the Andrie Electric bid for more lighting in the children's room. No further bids will be solicited.

President's Update

Cathy thanked John Thompson for his presentation and reminded everyone that IFLS is an invaluable resource to our small library.

MSC [Larson, Beaupre] to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Announcement to adjourn: Cathy Frandsen, President.

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Rochford Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for August 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm.