

Ione Library District Board Meeting  
September 16, 2024  
Ione Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairperson, Deb Campbell.

Roll was called. Board members present: Bobbi Childers, Deb Campbell, Margo Sherer, Anne Morter and Betty Rietmann. Librarians Becky Doherty and Rachell Hughes also attended

The minutes from the August 19, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

### **Old Business:**

Brandon Crawford attended the meeting via zoom. The board had questions for him concerning the remodel project. Bobbi felt that it was important that we address our questions in a public meeting and that we vote on whether to accept his bid at a public meeting. Anne asked for a breakdown of the costs between the different elements of the project. Brandon did not have his file with him but estimated that the cabinets were \$15,000 and the painting at \$7,000. The demo and trim package would be around \$1500. He noted that the travel time involved from Hermiston made the bids higher than we might have expected. Anne asked that the costs be provided in writing and Brandon assured us that he would modify the contract to include the breakdown. The painter will put paper down to protect the books and shelves and will use Sherwin Williams washable egg shell. Betty moved to accept the bid for \$34,000 once we receive and itemized contract. Margo seconded and the vote was unanimous. Anne thinks that we will have to do a supplemental budget to transfer funds from our reserve fund to our investment fund and will research the process for doing that.

### **Financial Report:**

The checking balance is \$6,080.56 (8/12/24) and \$3,153.16 on 9/10/24. We do not have current statements from the county treasurer but the balances were: The County Investment Fund 662 \$40,337.23 (7/30/24) and the reserve fund 686 \$271,965.93 (7/30/24). An expense report for August and a year to date report were provided. There were no issues.

### **Librarians Report:**

- The preschoolers are coming in on Thursdays. Betty is hoping to read to them
- We are struggling with the new door lock.
- Becky is working on the statistical report and the Ready2Read grant
- Chelsea Geer brought her 4 language arts classes to the library on Sept. 6. 77 kids came through the library that day. Several student cards were issued and a number of books were checked out. We're hoping that they come every time there is Friday school!

### **New Business:**

- We are eligible to apply for the Pilcrow Grant again. This would provide new, quality, hardcover children's books. We need a local sponsor to provide \$200 - \$400 to be eligible for the grant. Becky will contact the Topic Club and ask them to be our sponsor.
- We have a Public Records request. All we need to supply is a copy of our lease with the city and our LB-50 form. Becky will do that.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Doherty, Librarian