

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING November 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Coon, Middleton, Anthony, Robison, Tigner and Director Nelson.

Absent: Scott

Minutes: Motion by Coon, 2nd by Middleton to approve the October 17, 2023 Board Minutes. All yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Middleton, 2nd by Coon, to adopt the October 2023 Treasurer's Report. All yes. Motion carried.

Bills: Motion by Robison, 2nd by Anthony, to pay the November 2023 Bills. All yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Update on **Exterior Lighting Issue:** Dan Marshall from Demar Electric came in last week and again earlier today and fixed the timer issue. Turns out Calkins Electric removed the faulty timer, but never replaced it.

Update on the **Honor Society Bakesale:** Nancy reported that the bakesale raised \$1300.00.

Homeschool Families Program Update: The families meet in the Community Room the first Friday of the month. November's event drew 41 people, 27 kids and 14 adults. The large attendance was due in part to the fact that Clare homeschool families disbanded their group.

Booksale update: The books are continuing to sell well and browsers are bringing in additional books. I deposited over \$200.00 in booksale proceeds earlier this month.

Pirates and Princess Trivia Night: There were 35 total attendees—24 adults, 10 children and 1 teen. Snacks, cookies and beverages were served and everyone seemed to have a good time. Gift cards and prizes were awarded to the top teams.

Nancy Robison
Secretary 12-8-2023

Molly, a **Therapy Dog**, came to our story hour, but for some reason no children attended. It was just, Amy, Ann Roseler, Jeff, the handler and Molly.

Amy did a **Halloween Spooky Book Craft** on a Saturday morning in October close to Halloween. Six adults and 8 children attended and crafted books with spooky bats, cats, witches and spider webs on them using old painted books, craft glue and glitter.

The library hosted our first **Puzzle Night** two weeks ago on a Thursday night. Four teams worked on similar 300-piece puzzles from one supplier and scrambled to complete them in an hour. Amy made chili and Wendy made potato soup and fresh bread. Crackers, cookies and refreshments were also served. Six adults, 3 teens and 7 children participated. It was popular enough that several people have asked when we will have the next one.

Last Thursday the library hosted a **“Stuffed animals library sleepover”**. Children dropped off their stuffed animal and the staff created different vignettes and photographed the toys doing a variety of things, using the copier, climbing the stacks, racing on the book carts, climbing into the book drop, etc. Each child was given a page of pictures involving their “stuffie”.

Upcoming Library Programs include a **Christmas Escape Room** (December 7th, 8th, and 9th) and **Storytime with Santa** (December 14th, from 5:00 to 6:30)

OLD BUSINESS--None

NEW BUSINESS—Reminder of the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing next month and levying the millage, board election, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Coon, 2nd by Anthony to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.