

January 9, 2023

The Milligan Public Library Board met January 9, 2023 at the library.

The meeting date was moved to the second Monday of the month due to January 2<sup>nd</sup> being the day after New Year's Day.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM. by President. Mary Johnson. Present were: Mary Johnson, President; Dorothy Novak, Treasurer; Shirley Brunkow, Treasurer and Directors, Beth Vavra and Crystal Vavra.

The Secretary's report of the last meeting was read by Dorothy; Shirley made a motion to approve the minutes as read with Mary seconding the motion.

The Treasurer's report was given by Shirley; Crystal made a motion to accept the report and Dorothy seconded the motion.

#### Old Business:

Crystal reported that no children's letters were put in the Santa Letter Box.

Beth reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade school Telecare group had six students, two school administrators and seven adults attending the thank you party on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

At the request of the family, no open house was held to honor Betty Zelenka on her retirement as librarian. Crystal delivered a bouquet of flowers and a card to Betty and thanked her for her years as a dedicated librarian.

Shirley reported that no one had indicated any interest in buying the library's old printers that she had advertised on Market Place. It was decided to offer them free of charge and hope to get some response. Shirley commented that children are not checking out books and several ideas were discussed to encourage reading. The idea of giving a prize to young book readers was discussed, Shirley will select some prizes to encourage the children to check out books.

#### New Business:

Shirley and Dorothy completed the Bibliostat for the 2022 year last week. Shirley told about the library records she keeps on her home computer in preparation to completing the report. After some discussion, it was agreed that she will transfer these records to the library computer for a backup.

The quilting group have resumed gathering at the library for an afternoon of sewing.

Crystal asked Shirley if the story time children would be interested in decorating Valentines for the American Legion window display. It was decided that Shirley will cut out a variety of sizes of heart shapes and the children will decorate them.

Beth reported that the county librarians' group has been meeting at each town in order to know about other libraries. This group will be coming to Milligan January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 o'clock for coffee and doughnuts. The Milligan library board and librarians are encouraged to attend.

The idea of perhaps extending the library hours one day a week to enable those who work until 5 will be able to check out books was discussed. The librarians are being ask to record the number of patrons that come in each day for the next 4 weeks. At a later date a decision will be made about making any changes to the library hours.

Crystal made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shirley seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 4:15. The next meeting will be Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Novak, Secretary