

Beecher Community Library  
Special Session, March 13, 2020 7 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Shirley Biery, yes; Jennifer Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Saller, A; Skold, A; Stamper, A; Wehling, yes.** Jill Grosso & Sharon Grigas, staff member, also attended.

The board met in Special Meeting to discuss concerns over whether or not to close the library during this outbreak of the Corona Virus. Shirley will have the board packets ready by 4:00 Monday, & there will be no regular meeting at the library on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Certain agenda items requiring votes will take place via voice or email.

Shirley explained tonight's procedures, using the agenda for March 17<sup>th</sup> as an outline.

Shirley began by inviting Sharon to speak as an audience participant. Sharon said that her opinions were based on her view as the oldest staff member. In the end, it was her belief that it would be in the best interest of the library to close until further notice. Shirley thanked her and invited her to stay for the meeting. She declined.

Shirley then asked that everyone share their opinions & reasons why.

Jill spoke next, sharing her opinions, based on current events & relevant statistics. As of today, 91 libraries (in the system of 600) have announced closings. She expects many will follow suit. The schools will be closed effective Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, until further notice. Jill passed around a Vox analysis of Center for Systems Science & Engineering at Johns Hopkins Univ. data showing number of cases in the U.S. & other countries, with numbers rising dramatically. Changes are occurring daily in our Town, State & Country.

Biery moved to close the library, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, seconded by Wehling.

**Biery, yes; Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Wehling, yes.**

Jill will post notice on the outside sign, Library website, front doors, Circ desk & Facebook. She will also notify the staff of our decision tonight.

-Jill's MEETING ROOM POLICY will be ready for a vote on Tuesday.  
-Jill showed everyone the new LED lights in the ceiling. She explained that a lower kelvin number means the light appears more yellow, higher, whiter & brighter. The board prefers the lower number and Jill will talk to the Verde rep. about that. The up-to-date information will be in Monday's packet.

Jill said that the last 2 Water Bills were double the usual cost. Discussion followed. Shirley advised that we pay the bills and table a decision about the Humidifier on the furnace that seems to be malfunctioning.

Shirley walked everyone over to the Children's section where the new bookcases will be installed. Brian Hayhurst, who built our Circulation Desk 20 years ago, agreed to build new shelves for the library.

Biery moved to hire Brian Hayhurst to build & install bookshelves in the Children's area for \$20 hr. + supplies, seconded by Wehling.

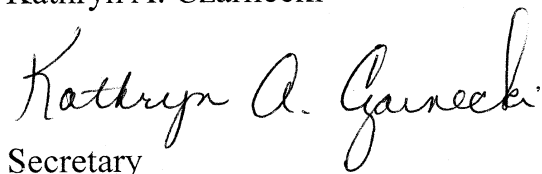
**Biery, yes; Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Wehling, yes.**

-Lastly, Jill shared that there is a family with 7 children who have 6 library cards & have run up a very high past-due bill. She will revoke their privileges until the fines are paid, as per policy.

Biery moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Wehling.

**Biery, yes; Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Wehling, yes.**

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