

BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7:00 PM

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

Biery, present **Bunte**, present **Czarnecki**, present **Kerber**, present
Saller, present **Stamper**, present **Wehling**, present.
Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier were also present.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from the November 15, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Following review, Kerber moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Bunte.

Biery, yes **Bunte**, yes, **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes
Stamper, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bunte presented the Treasurer's report & Financial recap. The Budget Comparison was also reviewed & is satisfactory. Following review, Biery moved to approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Czarnecki.

Biery, yes **Bunte**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes
Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed & updated. Following review, Biery moved to approve payment of current Outstanding bills (\$19,965.46) & on the 29th make a second payment of all new additions, along with the Payroll, seconded by zarnecki.

Biery, yes **Bunte**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes
Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Jill presented a summary of checkout statistics for November comparing the past 4 years. Numbers are comparable to last year.
- The **Children's Programs** were good for the month of November, *Christmas Card Making* & the *Make A Present For your Parent* were a hit.

Jill will schedule 3 sessions (18 per) for *Gingerbread House* making in December.

- The *Christmas Adult Craft* had 6 participants. The board had a lengthy discussion concerning how to attract more people to future programs. Maybe Spring will be a better time. Celia & Mike Powers would like to do a Travelogue of Portugal.
- Jill asked the board about having Hatching Chickens in the library. The cons outweighed the pros.
- The 'Picture Policy Release Form' for individuals under the age of 18 was shared with the board.
- Wi-Fi Hotspots will hopefully be available in January or February.
- AMAZON has discontinued their current plan 'Credit line' plan for the library. Jill will try to get us into the new plan.
- Jill her monthly shared her progress report, then announced she will take her vacation Jan.30- Feb 3rd.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter to Raul Rodriguez with our signed contract for Snow removal.

- A letter to Mr. Joel Nelson, Karen's son, explaining how the library honored Karen with a Memorial for children in her name.
- A letter from Karen Rock which will be tabled until January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Jill & Rick were concerned about the increase in the Electric bill. Rick talked to Eric about adjusting the humidity.

Housekeeping: Kathy reports the cleaning crew decorated for Christmas and Jill thanked the crew on behalf of the staff & patrons..

Landscaping: Michelle has nothing to report on the outdoors at this time.

Schools: Jennifer reports school lets out next Thursday through Jan.10th.

Social: Beverly served drinks and Christmas cookies at tonight's meeting, appreciated by all.

General: Shirley spoke for the board in telling Jennifer how thankful we all are that she is doing so well & is back with us. Everyone shared the sentiment. Shirley also thanked Michelle for filling in during Jennifer's absence.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Vicki shared the good news that she & Jill completed backing up her hard drive with all library data.

OLD BUSINESS

The time has come to return the leftover Women's Club Cookbooks. Vicki suggested Jill contact Karen Burgess at the Bank.

- Shirley reminded everyone how important our Attorney, Ken Fricker has been. He reminds us that when making a decision is in any way questionable, call him first! Shirley recalled instances where conflicts arose with sitting board members which needed Ken's advice. She also reminded everyone about how important it is to support the local businesses who are reliant on one another. Shirley has often been complimented on our excellent fiscal habits and impeccable reputation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Plans for Library Investments were discussed at length. Following discussion, Stamper moved to purchase a \$400,000.00 Treasury Bond using the money in the CD & part of the Cetera account, leaving the remainder of the Cetera where it is, seconded by Saller.

Biery, yes Bunte, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

- The Capital Reserve was discussed. Shirley met with Scott at Midland Bank to discuss our CD Investments. From our financial standpoint she believes we should support both Banks in town. Following discussion, Saller moved to commit to Option 1 and let the CD's ride at Midland, seconded by Kerber.

Biery, yes Bunte, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

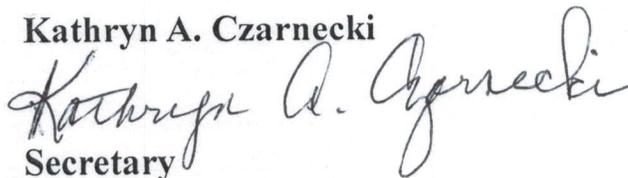
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regular Board Meeting, January 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.**

Saller moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Czarnecki.

Biery, yes Bunte, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Kathryn A. Czarnecki


Secretary