

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 16, 2014 7:00 PM - Library**

President Biery called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Biery, present; Bunte, present; Czarnecki, present; Dean, present; Saller, present; Skold, present; Wehling, present.

Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier were also present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of November 18, 2014 were reviewed. Skold moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Wehling.

Biery, yes; Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes; Saller, yes; Skold, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gwen presented the Treasurer's report. Nothing out of the ordinary occurred, re-cap sound. The Cetera Investment has steadily shown gains in 2014.

Czarnecki moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bunte.

Biery, yes; Bunte, yes ; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes; Saller, yes; Skold, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Board reviewed Outstanding bills. Vicki reported last minute additions, bringing the total for outstanding bills to \$14,809.70.

Following discussion, Skold moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, seconded by Bunte.

Biery, yes; Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes; Saller, yes; Skold, yes, Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Budget Comparison of 2014 was reviewed & remains sound.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Circ figures were good in November.

- 16 children participated in the Candy train/sled program, and the newspaper ran a photo. Holiday Story Hour had only 4 little ones here.

- Caroline Stanula (Beecher Elementary School) offered the school's facilities for large-sized programs, free of charge, if half the participants are from Beecher.

Programs are in the making for adults, using the Pinterest website for ideas.

- Every 5 to 10 years the Village of Beecher takes a look at our future.

They have hired a consulting firm to prepare a new comprehensive plan.

Jill, Shirley and one board member were invited to attend said meeting on Jan. 14.

- Jill announced that the staff & volunteers will receive online training to learn new ILS program. Staff will be apprised of the details at tomorrow's staff meeting.

- SWAN is considering changes to debit/credit card usage for patrons fees. Jill explained the options and the board offered opinions.

- Extra care must be given when giving out library cards. Mistakes have been made recently in the area. It's a good opportunity to be thorough when applicants present ID's.

- Jill requested a debit card for library use. Gwen agreed it would be a good idea.

Skold made a motion to allow Jill to obtain a debit card for the use of library materials, having it limited to \$200, seconded by Czarnecki.

Biery, yes; Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes; Saller, yes; Skold, yes, Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Shirley sent a letter to Mr. Jim Sprague, notifying him of the board's decision to accept his proposal for snow removal 2014-2015. She also mentioned that he will need to clear the east sidewalk and porch, but no salting necessary.

- A letter from Kathie Henn, from Atty. Jim Fessler's office. She wrote to reply to our questions & outlined the procedures for bid for the HVAC job. She also included legal do's and don't's concerning the procedures for the bid process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Fred got the gutters cleaned out. Modern Gutters will replace the gutters on the west side of the building.

Housekeeping: Kathy has nothing new to report.

Personnel: Gwen and Vicki led a discussion about programs here at the library.

Schools: Jennifer has no school news.

Social: Beverly served delicious Christmas cookies and coffee this evening, much to the delight of the board!

General: Shirley had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Shirley gave a brief summary of our progress concerning the new Heating A/C System. Mike Hameister, first met with us in July. Since then he has been less than co-operative with providing specs, as promised. His actions indicate a lack of interest, or he is too busy to follow through. Following a brief discussion, Joe agreed to contact 3 other HVAC companies for estimates.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

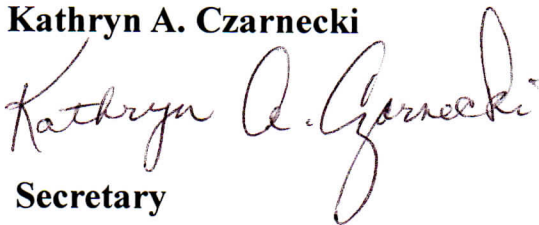
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next Regular meeting Jan. 20, 2015, 7 pm**

Skold moved to adjourn meeting at 8:28 pm, seconded by Bunte.

Biery, yes; Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes ; Saller yes ; Skold, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary