

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Biery and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL**

**Biery**, present **Czarnecki**, present **Kerber**, present **Oppenhuis**, present **Saller**, present, **Wehling**, present.

Jill Grosso , Vicki Squier & Douglas Short were also present.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** President Biery introduced **Douglas Short** to the board. Doug has agreed to join the board, filling the vacancy left by Michelle Stamper. Secretary Czarnecki issued the Oath of Office to Douglas Short and everyone welcomed him to our Board of Trustees.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Minutes of the September 17, 2024 were reviewed. Following review, Saller moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Wehling.

**Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes, **Oppenhuis**, yes **Saller**, yes, **Short**, abstain, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Biery presented the Treasurer's report, Financial recap & Budget Comparison. Following review & discussion, Biery explained the details of the reports for Doug's benefit. Kerber moved to approve Treasurers report, seconded by Czarnecki.

**Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Oppenhuis**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Short**, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed & updated. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, including one addition, totaling \$20,046.48 seconded by Wehling.

**Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Oppenhuis**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes, **Short**, yes **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Statistics in all categories remain good. **Checkouts**,1423, **Media On Demand** 403 (this # accounts for ¼ of our checkouts) & **Hoopla** 116.

**Programs:** Children's **Storytime**, 94, over 4 wks., Very Good!

**Trivia Night**,18 attended, (Librarians team lost), **Adult Painting Craft**, 35.

- The Library **Book Sale** was a success! The library made \$630 and patrons & others who came in were pleased. **Etc. Resale Store** came to pick up the many leftover boxes. What they couldn't fit in their SUV, Kathy returned in her car. There's a whole lot of work involved putting on the sale & we had great helpers. We will decide later if we will have a sale again next year.

**Upcoming Programs:** **Alaska Travelogue**, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. & **Murder Mystery Night** in November with refreshments. (cost to library,\$70)

- Our Newsletter printer in Momence is closing up shop. Jill presented 3 quotes for our consideration. **One Step Printing**, used by Washington Township requires no contract & will cost \$495. It's the best choice.

- Jill reports that we passed the **Fire Inspection** with no comments.

- Our land line phone bill will be increasing by \$100 in November. Jill asked if she can go ahead & switch to a **VOIP phone system**. Following a discussion, the board agreed to do the switch. Our Security System Co. assured Jill that there will be no problems for our system if we switch.

- The new Canon Printer is up and running.

**Marilyn Rossler** informed Jill that we should start looking for a replacement soon. - Jill presented her monthly report.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A Thank-You letter was sent to **Kelcy Loschiavo** of **Buddy's Drive-In** for her generosity during our Summer Reading Program. Buddy's donated \$868 in ice-cream treats this summer.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building/Grounds:** Rick reports the Trash Box is in, Trees trimmed. More in Old Business.

**Housekeeping:** The Cleaning Crew are good..

**Schools:** Sheila reports Parent-Teacher conferences on Oct. 24-25. No school on Nov.5<sup>th</sup>, Election Day; Fireman will come in for a Safety Talk Nov.11.

Sheila gave a presentation about the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**.

Mrs. Barber, at the school drew-up an in-depth proposal of how the library could join in the Program. Sheila explained all the details. Because the monies will come from the library's **Book Buying Budget**, Jill agreed to meet with Sheila & gather more information before a decision is put to the board.

**Landscaping:** Shirley reports that **Briggs** did a wonderful job on the trees. She suggested everyone check them out.

**Social:** Beverly reports we'll serve refreshments at the **Alaska** program.

**General:** Shirley reminded the board that packets for the Apr. election are soon due back here.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Shirley explained her reasoning for holding off on beginning the project windows & Door replacements. The cost involved to replace all the windows (especially in the front of the building) & the foyer doors is immense. The project is much more complicated than we first thought. Shirley went over costs & other issues, filling Doug in & getting him up to speed. We're concerned with hiring the right company who will stay true to the architecture of our building. And of course we want to hire a reputable company to do the work. Both the doors & windows in front of the building need to be replaced. Doug shared that he is friends with Mike Stanula and although Mike retired, he volunteered to speak with him about our project. Shirley agreed. The board agreed that this project should be put on hold.

- Shirley explained the importance & significance of **Ordinance #98**. Following discussion, Wehling moved to adopt **ORDINANCE NO. 98, ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING TAXES OF BEECHER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**, seconded by Short.

**Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Oppenhuis**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes, **Short**, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jill asked for permission to purchase a new **Roku** & a **Hot Spot**. She shared with the board what they're about & the popularity & success of these items. Following discussion, Saller moved to allow Jill to buy a new Roku

& Hot Spot, seconded by Kerber. **Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Oppenhuis**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes, **Short**, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

- Shirley asked Lance if he could find our Snow Removal Guy from last year and ask him if he will still be available to us this winter. Lance said he would check on it.

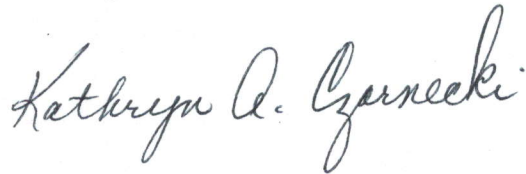
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 7 PM**

Oppenhuis moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Saller.

**Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Oppenhuis**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes, **Short**, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

**Kathryn A. Czarnecki**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn A. Czarnecki". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

**Secretary**