

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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, **Short**, present, **Wehling**, present.

Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier were also present.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Tadpole, Randy Schmidt Contract/**New Business**.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes from the January 28, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Following review, Kerber moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Wehling.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report & Financial recap were reviewed. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve reports, seconded by Saller.

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

The Outstanding Bills were presented, additions made. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, totaling \$22,562.08, seconded by Short.

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

Shirley gave a review the Budget Comparison, as we are at the ½ way mark in the Fiscal Year. The numbers are good.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Statistics Total, 2455, very good up form January! **Checkouts**, 1814, **Media On Demand** 467 & **Hoopla**, 169.

2. **Programs:** Children's **Storytime** 54, **Adult Crafts**, 30, **Radio Goes to War**, 23 including staff, **LEGO Exhibition**, 36.

**Upcoming Programs: Hugo as Elvis:** Sun. March 30, 2PM, Cost, \$550.  
**Puzzle Competition, Tiny Art Show, Hunt for Golden Book dates TBA.**  
Jennie asked for permission to move her monthly Kids program from Wed. to Tuesday or Thursday. Board OK'd the move.  
Jill will attend a virtual information meeting sponsored by Will County, concerning the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**, on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Jill gave a review of her monthly report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letters from Beecher Chamber of Commerce & Randall Schmidt, Tadpole's Landscaping. See **New Business**.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building/Grounds:** See **New Business**.

**Housekeeping:** The Cleaning Crew are doing very well, no problems.

**Schools:** Sheila reports: Beecher Schools have Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> off for Teacher's Institute Day, March 3, off for Pulaski Day, & March 14, ½ day, end of Quarter.

**Landscaping:** Doug has nothing report at this time.

**Social:** Beverly reports she will serve refreshments, as usual for the ELVIS program. .

**General:** Shirley had nothing to report at this time.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Rick reports that on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Greg Ohlendorf at First Community Bank notified Shirley that he was successful in having our \$513,131.34 **Cetera** Fund transferred to our Account at **First Community Bank**.

The Board had voted unanimously in January to invest the money in 2 short-term CD's when it was transferred to our account at **First Community Bank**. Following a discussion on how best to divide the money, Biery moved that we purchase a \$400,000.00 2 yr. CD at 4% Interest, to mature February, 2027, and purchase a \$113,131.34 9 mo. CD at 3.88% Interest to mature in November, 2025, seconded by Kerber.

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



## NEW BUSINESS

Doug shared that he spoke with Mike Stanula recently, concerning the hiring of an Architect for a future project at the library. Mike is retired, but he gave Doug 2 recommendations he'd trust. Greg Ohlendorf also shared a recommendation with Rick & Shirley. Doug & Lance agreed to check with the various firms.

- Jill gave an explanation on the updates in the **Freedom of Information Act Policy** and the **Open Meetings Act Policy**. For the benefit of our newer board members, Jill felt it was a good time to review & answer any questions. Following the discussion, Biery moved to approve the update of the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, seconded by Saller.

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

Shirley gave a brief summary of the contract for Tadpole's Landscaping. Biery moved to accept the contract, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Biery moved that we send the \$150 dues to Rhonda Higgason, Pres. Beecher Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Short.

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

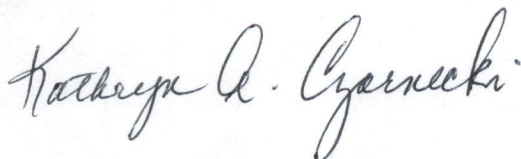
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7 PM**

Oppenhuis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Czarnecki.

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

**Kathryn A. Czarnecki**



**Secretary**