BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7:00 PM - Library

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Biery, present; Bunte, absent; Czarnecki, present; Dean, present; Saller, absent; Skold, present; Wehling, present. Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier and Mike Stanula were also present.

Lance & Jennifer arrived at 7:03pm

Mike Stanula gave an update on the progress of the building expansion. The board looked over the blueprints once again, asking questions and offering opinions. At this point in the planning, he estimates the cost at around \$700,000. Mike will meet with us again in April.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Regular and Executive Session minutes from the February 18,2014 meeting were reviewed. Skold moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Wehling.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gwen presented the Treasurer's report. The balance sheet is good, Financial recap, sound.

Czarnecki moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Skold.

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

Board reviewed Outstanding bills. Vicki presented last minute additions to the report.

Following discussion, Wehling moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, to include late additions, seconded by Dean.

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

Board reviewed the Budget Comparison and found it to be sound.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Wehling Lawn Care & IDOT concerning tax exempt status on properties acquired by the state for the airport.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jill announced there will be an entirely new software operating system installed by March 2015.

- Circ STATS for February were a bit higher than last year,. Media on Demand numbers are good. The new music feature, *Freegel* is at 46.
- Jill updated board on the snow days experienced this winter.
- Jill has programs planned for adults and children in April, May & June.
- Patrons are very pleased with our new hours. Staff appreciates the new 15 minute visitor policy for computers.
- Jill is offering Illinois Tax forms to patrons, and has an Instruction booklet available for \$.80, the cost of printing. 'Help' phone #'s are also available. Jill requested vacation time on May 5-9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Joe mentioned the flag was taken by the wind..

Housekeeping: We have a new volunteer for cleaning, Wendy Whited.

Personnel: Gwen is on the agenda for exec. session.

Schools: Jennifer would like to have a LEGO club here.

Social: Beverly reports no news.

General: Shirley gave a report on the Book Sale. It was a success. Shirley calculated the savings accrued from the volunteer hours donated over the past 13 years. Cleaning crew (Cleaning building, Window washing & Garbage removal); various services of Marilyn R., Tim C., & Vicki S.; and the hours filling in at the Circ desk. All combined work hours add up to about \$70,890.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The board discussed the new expansion plans with regard to the information Mike supplied tonight. Shirley met with Greg at the First Community Bank to discuss Loan options. He assured her that we will have no problem borrowing, as we have a very good Capital Reserve and owe nothing on the building. He will be happy to quote us rates and options at our convenience.

- At the end of the FY we should have approximately \$700,00 in reserve. Gwen cautioned against using all our available funds...board agreed. Shirley will call Mike tomorrow and ask him to get a more firm estimate

with the Heating & Air Installation included.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Saller moved to adjourn to executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss personnel, seconded by Wehling.

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

Board returned to regular session at 8:55 pm.

Dean moved to extend the contracts for the current Pages until the end of the fiscal year, seconded by Saller.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next regular meeting, April 15, 2014

Czarnecki moved to adjourn meeting at 9:05 PM, seconded by Bunte. Biery, yes; Bunte, yes; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes; Saller, yes; Skold, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

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