

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
Monthly Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:00 PM**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Biery, present Bunte, present Czarnecki, present, Kerber, present Saller, absent, Stamper, present Wehling, present.** Jill Grosso and Vicki Squier were also present.

**Additional Agenda Items: No**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Regular minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed.

Following review, Wehling moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Bunte.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bunte presented the Treasurer's report & Financial recap. Following board review Czarnecki moved to approve both reports, seconded by Kerber.

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

Jill made a request to use the library Master Card to pay the fee on the Pro-Pay, the card patrons use as a convenience for paying fees.

Biery moved to allow Jill to use the library credit card for this purpose, seconded by Stamper.

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

The Financial recap was reviewed, investments are looking very good.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve payment of Outstanding bills, totaling \$16,290.96, and any late additions, seconded by Wehling.

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

The Budget Comparison was reviewed and found to be sound.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Statistics were ok in August, Hoopla, the newest addition, had 35 users.
- Library closed early on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> due to a power outage caused by a severe storm. Jill was advised to call DMC about power outage alarm.
- The school tours have begun today with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders which was a hit! Nine K-2 classes will be coming in and the Beecher Co-op needs a nudge. There might be hesitation due to Covid.
- A high-school English teacher contacted Jill about the possibility of having a mass sign-up for library cards for her students. The students are not readers and she thinks they would utilize the digital apps. Many concerns, outlined by Jill were discussed. In the end, the board expressed concern about not having parents 'signed' permission. Jill will pass along the suggestion to the teacher that parents be sent a permission slip for a 1 year card.
- Jill presented a list of schedule of planned programs for library patrons of all ages through Dec.13<sup>th</sup>. The *Illinois Storm Chasers* fell through, but is re-scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring. More are pending.
- Jill requested a vacation day for the 23<sup>rd</sup>, board ok'd.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building/Grounds:** Rick will give his report in Old Business.

**Housekeeping:** Kathy reports all is well with the cleaning crew.

**Landscaping:** Michelle reports all looks great outdoors great.

**Schools:** Jennifer reports that all school children are in school, no remote teaching.

**Social:** Beverly announced there will be no refreshments on Sunday.

**General:** Shirley reports that the Car Show in our lot was a great success. The participants loved it, as did the public. They left the area neat & clean & the feedback was very good.

- Shirley attended the Village's Open House for the Water Reclamation Plant. She shared that it was incredibly impressive & gave a short summary of what she learned.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

**None.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rick gave a thorough presentation of his research & sorting-out of issues with HVAC (with L&H) and Culligan's softener system. Board followed along with handouts and many questions were asked and answered. issues solved & resolved. Rick will continue to monitor HVAC issues.

Wehling moved that we purchase a new filtration/softener system with a pre-filter meter from Eenginenburg for \$1750, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Culligan will be notified at the end of the month to remove their equipment.

Czarnecki moved to allow Jill to remit \$340 payment for the ELVIS program, seconded by Stamper.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Biery moved that we ask for 105% next month when we set the Levy ordinance, seconded by Wehling.

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

- The Per-Capita grant requirement on Chapter 7 was reviewed & Shirley announced we are in compliance.
- The library Open Hours procedures were reviewed and will continue to be so moving forward.
- Shirley opened a discussion about a request from Women's Club to sell their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cookbooks in our library. Everyone had input and opinions on the matter. The Historical factor of 2022 being 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women's Club factored in the discussion. Shirley pointed out that the library has a policy against selling and that the only way to change that would be to change the policy. In the end, following a lengthy discussion, Shirley agreed to draft a new policy which will include the historical factor & cover a period of just one-year. It will then be forwarded to board via email, voted on & then maybe

formalized at the next regular meeting.

Czarnecki moved to leave regular session & go into executive session at 8:17 p.m., to discuss personnel, seconded by Stamper.

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

Board returned to regular session at 9:22 p.m.

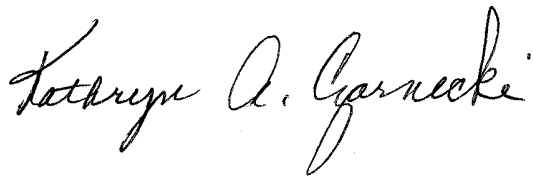
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **The OUTLAW ISLAND Program, September 26, 2021 at 2 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting, October 19, 2021, 7 p.m.**

Biery moved to adjourn at 9:26 p.m., seconded by Bunte.

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

**Kathryn A. Czarnecki**

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

**Secretary**