

BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:00 PM

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

Biery, present **Czarnecki**, present **Kerber**, present **Oppenhuis**, present
Saller, present **Stamper**, present **Wehling**, absent.
Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier were also present.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the April 16, 2024 were reviewed. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Kerber .

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Michelle presented the Treasurer's report & Financial recap. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Saller.

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

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed & updated. Following review, Stamper moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, including one addition, totalling \$37,348.31, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

The Budget Comparison was reviewed & is sound. The Library's two **Certificates of Deposits** are scheduled to mature on June 1st. Rates & renewal options will be discussed in New Business.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Total Checkouts are steadily rising, 2,180 for April. **Media On Demand**, **Hoopla & Physical Items** were much higher compared to a year ago.

- **Kids Programs: Storytime** did very well, 119 attended in 5 weeks.
- **Adult/All Ages Programs:** The **Tiny Art Show** was a great success. 77 patrons of all ages participated. The art is now on display here in the library.
- Adult **Craft Spring Wreath**, 32. Upcoming: Julie Nefcyck will present a **Travelogue on Singapore** on Thurs. June 13, at 7 PM
- **Jill reports she** held 15 Tours of the library, Grades K-2 & pre-school.
- Jennie would like to celebrate the **Olympics** at Story-Time this summer. It would require the purchase of inexpensive child-size plastic equipment. Board agreed with her plan.
- Jill spoke to our Insurance agent, Jason Wehling, who said we are covered but our deductible on our Liability Insurance (for building & patron injury) went up from \$1,000 to \$5,000 by the Company.
- Occasionally we have requests from patrons asking for some of our weeded books. They would be given to Food Pantries, Book Pantries or placed in little **Free Libraries**. Board agreed to all suggestions. Finally, Jill shared her monthly Work Activity summary with the board.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

AUDIENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Rick reports he is keeping up with the grounds. The tree seeds are falling in abundance, leaving a real mess in the parking lot. They'll be removed as soon as they're all finished shedding. Lance noted that there is a light bulb which stays 24/7 on a light post out front. He'll call for someone to come out to investigate.

Housekeeping: Cleaning crew is running smoothly, as always.

Landscaping. Michelle is waiting for mulch before she begins outside.

Schools: Sheila reports: Tonight is the 8th Grade Graduation. The High-School Graduation took place on May 17th. The Grads marched through the halls of the Elementary School in caps & gowns while "Pomp & Circumstance" played over the PA. The children watched from their classrooms & cheered them on, some holding signs. May 30 is the last day of school.

Social: Shirley reports, refreshments will be served at the June 13 program.

General: Shirley has begun preparing for the yearly Staff reviews, which will take place at the June Board meeting. She asked that members be

prepared. It is a most important yearly duty.

- Shirley & Lance reported on Human Relations **Chapter 8: Making Good Decisions**. Some highlights put emphasis on Creativity in Decision Making, Decision making traps, Inaction is sometimes a choice & Self-Censorship.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on the **Penfield Project** from Ms. Charity Mitchell, **Village Administrator**: Work has resumed, and it includes the repaving & reopening of our north entrance/exit. The project also includes new curbs. Last year Nicor promised to re-sod but so far, no word. They're going to need a reminder.

- Jill & Shirley have contacted Eric Bauer, our new **Cetera** representative. The plan is to meet with him via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board reviewed Ordinance # 96. Following discussion, Biery moved to adopt **ORDINANCE 96, ANNUAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PUBLIC LIBRARY NON-RESIDENT CARDS** as revised, seconded by Kerber.

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

Jill reported on the need to choose a permanent Website Domain name for the library. During her presentation she offered 3 possibilities explaining the pros & cons of each. Saller moved to keep **beecheerlibrary.com** for one year for \$20 & to also purchase **beecheerlibrary.org** for 10 years, \$229.90, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Shirley spoke about the poor state of the windows in the building. Shiela offered to call window companies and report to the board in June. Shirley will make a call to the Volek's & inquire if they are interested in coming out to assess the situation.

The CD rate options were discussed. Our current rate is 1%. Board believes there are better options available elsewhere. Shirley, Lance & Michelle

agreed to pursue the matter, beginning at the Midland Bank where our CD's are presently located.

Shirley shared that we received a very nice Thank-You note from Judy Skold, wife of our friend & past board member Joe Skold. She related that Joe truly looked forward to and enjoyed all the years he spent being on the board of BCL and all its members.

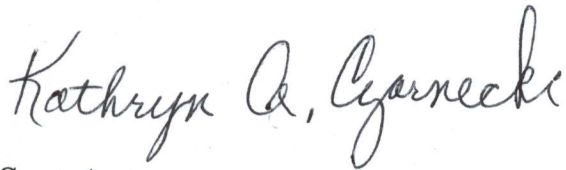
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7 PM**
- **Singapore Travelogue, Thurs. June 13, 7 PM**

Oppenhuis moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Saller.

Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Oppenhuis, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes Siamper, yes, Wehling, A. Motion passed.

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary