

BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 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: Wehling Lawn Care proposal..

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Following review, Kerber moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Oppenhuis.

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, Saller moved to approve reports, seconded by Short.

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

The Outstanding Bills were presented, additions were made. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, with additions, totaling \$25,176.82, seconded Biery.

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

The **Budget Comparison** remains good.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. **Statistics Total, 2007, Checkouts, 1445, Media On Demand 405 & Hoopla, 154.**

2. Programs: Children's **Storytime** 89, Straw Activated Snow Globes, 9. **Exhibition**, 36.

Upcoming Programs: **Hugo as Elvis:** Sun. March 30, 2 PM. Jill reports that she is planning for a large crowd.

Puzzle Competition, Tiny Art Show, Hunt for Golden Book: dates TBA.

* Michele would like a day off for the afternoon Book Discussion. Jean Smith will step in as moderator.

* Jill asked that we reconsider having the Magazine display. Magazines are very rarely read and take up a good amount of space. Jill & staff have ideas for the space. She asked that we consider this change. Shirley suggested we wait until the Magazine renewal date is near & address the issue then.

* The update on the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library:** Will County needs to raise \$150,000 to pay for the 2-3 year program. They are working hard to reach that goal & have thus far raised \$40,000.00.

* The streaming services are cracking down on Password sharing. This is causing our **Rokus** to be logged-out when patrons are using them in their homes. Jill shared her solution, which is to reduce the number of Rokus to 6 and include a Hot Spot with each of them. The cost, per year would be \$1300, which the Collection budget has available. Since July 1, 2024 there have been 93 Roku checkouts.

Oppenhuis moved that we allow Jill to order the extra Rokus & Hot Spots, seconded by Biery.

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

Jill shared her monthly report & shared that the staff are pleased to be rid of the pesky gold stars, now replaced with an easy-off sticker.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Brad Wehling ,**WEHLING LAWN CARE**, with his proposal for our annual Lawn Care. Following discussion, Biery moved to approve the proposal from Wehling Lawn Care, seconded by Short.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: See New Business.

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

Schools: Sheila reports: Beecher Schools **Early Childhood** program has moved over to the Peace Church school building. April 14-21 is Easter break.

Landscaping: Doug reports, we voted to hire Wehling Lawn Care tonight.

Social: Beverly reports she will serve Iced-Tea & homemade cookies for the ELVIS program.

General: Shirley spoke to Jill's questions concerning how she & the staff should 'Share library news' with the Public. Shirley pointed out that the Public are Taxpayers who should not be kept in the dark about any decisions we make as a board, to improve the library or otherwise. But we must be sure that Jill & the Staff are properly informed by the board first. We have a responsibility to work together to get the information right & be prepared to respond to the Patrons & the Public.

Audience Participation: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Concerning the project of replacing & upgrading of the Library's Entryway: thus far, we have received one proposal from the **Carlile Group** in Manteno.

Lance has agreed to call other companies about the Doors/Entryway replacement plans. Doug has agreed to call Window Companies about window replacements. Both will give a report at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jill gave a report on the library's Electricity Supplier's contract for the coming year. **GEI (Genesis Energy Int'l)** will be our supplier for the next year, term rate will be **.082/12 month term**, if we approve their terms tonight. Jill points out that their terms will offer us the best capacity.

Czarnecki moved that we hire **GEI**, with a term rate of .082 for 12 months, seconded by Saller.

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

The rate for the Library's Building Insurance is going up 29% on 5/3/25. (From \$9,197 to \$11,833) Shirley shared that we have 2 options to curb the cost increase.

After consideration of both options, Saller moved that we choose option #2 and: Reclassify the outdoor sign from a "building" to an "electric sign" and insuring it on an Inland Marine rider, keeping the same amount of coverage on the sign, the policy premium would decrease by \$2,258 per year", seconded by Short.

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

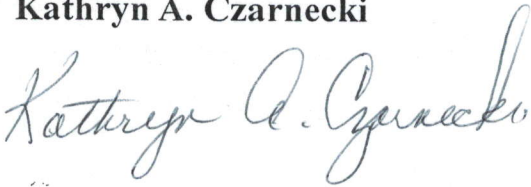
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7 PM

Czarnecki moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Oppenhuis.

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, reading "Kathryn A. Czarnecki". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

Secretary