

BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 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: See New Business.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Following review, Short 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 were made. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, with one deletion, totaling \$24,292.70, 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 2178, Checkouts 1512, Media On Demand 523 & Hoopla, 143.

2. **Programs:** Children's Storytime 77, Puzzle Competition- 8 teams, **Adult Craft**, 33, & **Hugo as Elvis**, 60.

Children's Programs:

- * Jennie is going to grow ladybugs instead of butterflies this year.
- * This summer Jennie will be doing 2 pop-culture themed programs for kids, **WICKED & POKEMAN**.
- * A giant coloring table with a raffle "Guess the number of Crayons in Container" for a prize.

Adult Programs: Puzzle Swap: Adults will be invited to bring puzzles to swap. A handful of used puzzles will be purchased to round out puzzle selection. Puzzles will be available to work on & refreshments will be provided.

Murder Mystery Night: TBA. **Adult Tie Dye,** TBA & an **Antarctica Travelogue,** TBA.

Our book-processor would like permission to switch from pre-cut dust jacket covers to rolls. She would also like to purchase different label protectors. Board viewed the details & agreed to her request.

- * Jill shared her monthly report.
- * Jill shared her upcoming Vacation days: May 5&6, June 2-6.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from **Greg Ohlendorf**, First Community Bank & Trust, introducing a new addition to their Investment Center. He is Robert Walker, a dedicated, experienced, & passionate Financial Advisor.
- A letter from **Alexi Giannoulis**, Sec. of State & State Librarian. The letter is to inform the library that President Trump issued an Executive Order mandating the elimination of seven agencies, including one that funds libraries around the country- the **Institute of Museum and Library Services** (IMLS). Giannoulis gave a detailed explanation about how this order will impact ours & all Illinois libraries in particular.
- A Thank-You letter was sent to **Mr. Franklin Unruh** for his donation of the "**Standard Atlas of Will County**", 1909-1910. It is a valuable piece of local history which we will preserve. Board members signed the letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Nothing doing at this time.

Housekeeping: Our Cleaning Crew remains dedicated to keeping our library in tip-top shape.

Schools: Sheila reported that a 5th grade teachers' husband passed away. April 22-25 is **Autism Awareness** week.

Landscaping: Doug reports there is nothing much to report, too early.

Social: Beverly reports that the ELVIS program went very well.

General: See **New Business**.

Audience Participation: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Recently, Jill, Doug & other board members met here with Brian, a representative from **Preferred Windows & Doors**. He followed up with a detailed quote. A quote was also presented from M&M Commercial Roofing. Following the presentation of both, a discussion followed. Following the discussion, Biery moved to accept the bid presented by **Preferred Window and Door** in the amount of **\$14,778.32**, half to be paid in advance. seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Doug agreed to inform **Preferred Windows and Doors** of our decision.

The board reviewed photos and options for an Entryway door. Much time was spent looking over photos and comparing ideas. Shirley agreed to meet with Brian at **Preferred Windows & Doors** to address our questions & concerns. She will present her report at the May meeting.

Shirley would like to once again hire **Werner's Landscaping** for the Spring cleaning & planting outdoors. She reminded everyone what a great job they did last year in one day with their large crew. They worked all day mulching, trimming & cleaning up every single thing before they left.

Following discussion Biery moved that we contact **Werner's Landscaping** to trim, plant, mulch, and to remove the 'Burning Bush", seconded by Saller.

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

Shirley noted that the gutters and building front are in need of a cleaning.

She thinks Jon Engstrom would be a good choice to power wash the gutters & front of the building. Rick volunteered to contact Jon.

- Sheila had a few questions & concerns about the Treasurers Bond. Shirley gave a good explanation about the Treasurer's Bond. Following a discussion, Biery moved that the Treasurer's Bond be amended to \$40,000, from the original \$200,000.

Biery moved that the original \$200,000 Treasurer's Bond be amended to \$40,000, seconded by Kerber.

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

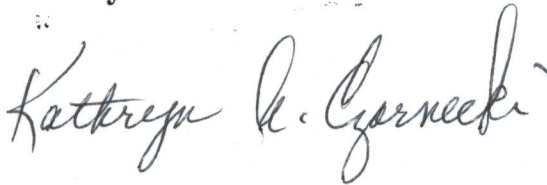
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7 PM

Oppenhuis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Kerber.

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

Secretary