

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 18,, 2017 7:00 PM - Library**

Regular Board Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

March minutes were reviewed. Following review, Wehling moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Bunte.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gwen presented the Treasurer's report. Financial recap. She shared that we are 'certainly solvent', & Investments are making money. Following review, Wehling moved to approve Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Outstanding Bills were reviewed. Jill explained charge for Collection Agency (Line 608) & one addition made. Vicki reports total to-date outstanding bills,\$24,221.64.

Czarnecki moved to pay outstanding bills including any additions, seconded by Skold.

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

Budget Comparison was reviewed and found to be sound nearing the end of the fiscal year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- March Circ. Stats showed growth this period. The school's "Country" projects contributed to the spike. Jill also shared that we created several cards in March, as new patrons visited the library.

- The Circ computers continue to break down. Jill is trying to find the best solutions for protecting them from viruses. She has personally spent much time trouble-shooting. A lengthy discussion and Q & A followed. There are many options available for software that will protect our computers. Jill presented some of these. She will follow-up on this problem and keep the board informed.
- Jill presented a comparison chart showing options to replace AT&T Internet Service. The current contract expires in May. Q&A followed.
- Yoga class will begin in June. Class is scheduled for Monday at 9 a.m. We will charge \$8 per class. Participants will be required to sign a waiver, which must be approved by our Attorney, Ken Fricker.
- There will be no *Wednesday Morning Storytime* for the summer. When the last session ends, Jill will announce the details of the Summer Reading program, & encourage all to participate.
- SWAN is implementing an 'Auto Renewal' service. This would renew materials 2 times before becoming Overdue. We have the option to opt out or be automatically enrolled. We decided to opt out at this time.
- Board reviewed the American Library Assn.'s FREEDOM TO READ, VIEW & FILTER Policies. Discussion followed.
- Jill requested vacation May 8-12, board ok'd.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Secretary of State, Jesse White. Once again, our library was awarded a Per Capita Grant. This year's award, \$5,157.89, an increase of \$37 from last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Jill reports that the Culligan Rep. was in the library to check the Softener. He discovered a small tube was clogged. He fixed that problem & left with an empty bag. Shirley & Fred will be meeting with John Warner, Landscaper. He will be submitting a proposal for the work around the new outdoor Sign.

Shirley will also meet here with Gordon Wehrmann, local farmer. There will be a photo taken with a mock-up of the \$2,500 donation check. Mr. Wehrmann chose the Beecher Community Library to be the recipient of Monsanto's \$2,500 donation.

Housekeeping: Cleaning crew is back to 8 volunteers, & running smooth.

Personnel: Gwen has no report.

Schools: Jennifer will distribute SUMMER READING Flyers in May.

Social: No news.

General: Shirley congratulated Kathryn C. & Lance S. for their good showing in this year's election. The great number of votes was an indication that the Community is pleased & accepting of our efforts in improving the Library. Although Gordon Wehrmann is not a patron, he chose our library as the recipient of the Monsanto gift.

The **Midewin** Program was presented for 'no charge', 45 attended. PBS, Channel 20 will be airing a MIDEWIN documentary on May 3rd. Board received a copy of a newspaper article featuring Neil Piggush, *Entrepreneur of the Year!* Shirley sent a Congratulatory Note to Mr. Piggush & he replied with a Thank-You to her for reaching out and for the opportunity to work with us.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, None.

NEW BUSINESS

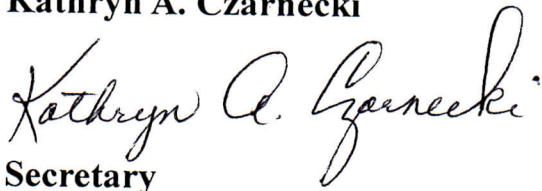
L & H submitted a bill for \$675. Following a short discussion, Shirley thought we should table the decision to pay until she spoke to them about it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting May 16, 2017, 7:00 pm, Library

Dean moved to adjourn at 8:10, seconded by Bunte.

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary