

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 2014 7:00 PM - Library**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Regular and Executive Session minutes from April 15, 2014 were reviewed. Dean moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Skold.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gwen presented the Treasurer's report. The balance sheet is good, Financial recap, sound.

Wehling moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Skold.

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

Board reviewed Outstanding bills. Vicki will include any last minute adjustments.

Following discussion, Czarnecki moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, to include any new arrivals in the month, seconded by Wehling.

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

Gwen presented the Budget Comparison and shared encouraging positive figures so near the end of the fiscal year .

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter to Irene Brothers at First Community Bank regarding 2013 Tax bill on the ATM property. Shirley recently met with the Washington Township Assessor, Carol Ann Blume. Since the Bank vacated the upstairs, it will no longer be designated 'Commercial', but will become a tax exempt property.

A letter was sent to Jim Fessler, Atty. The letter included copies of proposals from the two local Banks, concerning loans for the Expansion project.

Shirley also spoke with Mr. Fessler concerning Mike Stanula's role in the Expansion project. Shirley answered Jim's questions and shared Mike's involvement in the original building.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Circ STATS were up in April. Freegel is catching on.
- In spite of the many requests and sign-ups for programs, the turnout has been very low! Trying to solve the mystery of 'Why' is no easy chore. The One-on-One computer tutoring has been a success. Board shared ideas with Jill.
- A travelogue by Pam Hunte (Afghanistan) program was cancelled before advertised. Many scheduled programs will go ahead with high hopes.
- Summer Reading Program begins in June, and many new ideas to encourage participation were discussed. All agreed, a large electronic sign out front would be ideal!
- Will County will no longer send emergency alerts via fax. Email and text will be the new sources.
- A patron who has large fines accrued from last year visited the library with her daughter. Jill spoke with her about the letter she received and offered to help with payment arrangements. The woman pleaded ignorance and left without resolving the matter. An incident report was written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Alan Bakhaus repaired 2 lights & flag light outside. Randy Schmidt (Tadpole) will repair the grass damage for under \$275. Joe suggested we leave it be and see what happens.

Housekeeping: Windows were washed. Wendy Whited is our new volunteer cleaning helper.

Personnel: Gwen has no report.

Schools: None.

Social: None .

General: Shirley visited the New Lenox Library for a seminar on behavior policies. It was suggested libraries update policies every 2 years. We must be alert not to violate privacy laws.

Lance arrived at 7:45 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jill presented the proposal for a revised 'Wireless Internet Policy'. The matter was discussed at length. Jill will

revise the policy.

Jennifer arrived at 8:07 pm.

Shirley led a discussion about the many aspects of the Expansion Project. She began with the suggested procedures for starting work, as laid out by the attorney. In the end, Shirley voiced her doubts & apprehension about our plan to expand. Addressing the board, she asked that we all give it serious thought in the next month and share our thoughts at the June meeting.

Biery moved that when the library expansion proceeds, we will accept the proposal from the First Community Bank, seconded by Skold.

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

Czarnecki moved to go into Executive Session at 8:56, seconded by Skold.

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

Board returned to regular session at 9:26 pm.

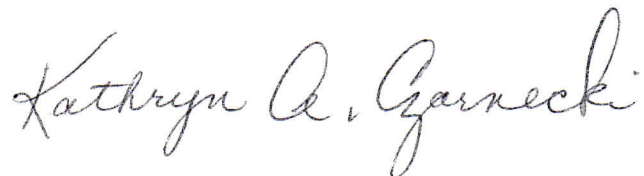
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting, June 17, 2014

Dean moved to adjourn meeting at 9:28 pm, seconded by Wehling.

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

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary