

BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 7:00 PM

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

Biery, present **Bunte**, absent **Czarnecki**, present **Kerber**, present **Saller**, present **Stamper**, present **Wehling**, present.

Jill Grosso , Vicki Squier and Staff member Michelle Palmisano were also present.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: See New Business.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from the September 20, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Following review & noting corrections on pgs. 1 & 3, Wehling moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Kerber.

Biery, yes **Bunte**, absent **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stamper presented a summary of the Treasurer's report & Financial recap of Capital Reserve & Investments were reviewed. Shirley agreed to call both banks to discuss rates for our Investments. The Budget Comparison was also reviewed. Following review, Czarnecki moved approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Saller.

Biery, yes **Bunte**, absent **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed & updated. Following review, Stamper moved to approve payment of Outstanding bills totaling \$24,611.09 pending new additions, seconded by Kerber.

Biery, yes **Bunte**, absent **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

* Vicki & Jill will meet tomorrow to download all Vicki's Books.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Jill presented a summary/grid of checkout statistics for September

comparing the past 4 years: **Media On Demand** numbers very good.

- Interest in our Adult Programs need a boost. Jill was urged to do more early advertising & promotion & to widen the advertising net. Only 18 people attended the '**Identity Theft**' program. We'd like to see a good crowd at "**The History of Movie Musicals**" on Mon. Nov. 14th at 7.

- Seven school classes have visited the library so far with 2 more due & Pre-Schoolers later on. Staffer, Michelle has been helping with ideas for this program. Students take home a book & a craft.

- The Library's participation in the Village Holiday Festivities will be discussed in New Business.

- Recently a mother of a Freshman with intellectual disabilities asked Jill if he can participate in programs along with his younger siblings. Our children's programs have an age limit of 6-12 years old. Board had suggestions and opinions & will vote on the matter.

- Holiday hours was discussed. Board will vote following Jill's report.

- Three local Churches are combining to host a **Trunk or Treat** in Zion's parking lot on Sat. Oct. 29th. Many other community groups as well as taxing bodies have signed up to participate. Board discussed the pros & cons & will vote following Jill's report.

- The goldenrod **Newsletter** paper is available through Quill. Jill will call the Printer & ask 'if we supply the paper' can they still print them for us.

- The Pumpkin judging will take place soon. Jill encouraged everyone to come in and see the great job the children did. Many participated!

- The Hot Spots were discussed. Jill needs to call the Federal Govt. for permission to participate in this program. She shared a detailed report with the board to understand all aspects of this commitment: Who is in need of this & why, cost of each, Lending policy, age for borrowers etc.

- Fred will repair the boy's toilet.

Jill finished with a monthly summary of her work this past month, i.e. Staff Meeting, October schedule and Collection purchases.

Biery moved that we follow the Holiday Hours of 2016, seconded by Wehling.

Closed, . Dec.24rd - 26th & Dec.31st-Jan.2nd

Biery, yes **Bunte**, absent **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed

Czarnecki moved that we participate in the **Trunk or Treat** Activity on Sat.

October 29th with Jill & Kathy volunteering, from 11 am to 1 pm, seconded by Saller.

Biery, no **Bunte**, absent **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes **Wehling**, no. Motion passed.

Staff member, Michelle Palmisano was in attendance as Audience. She requested that we hire someone to address the spider problem that we have, Shirley agreed to call Darrin, our local Exterminator.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter to Mr. Jake Andringa, Chief Financial Officer at the Arthur VanBaren Family Limited Partnership. The letter including a check for \$304.53 represents the last tax rebate we are responsible for, as per our agreement, which has now expired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Lance reports that he spoke from Florida with the Electricians who showed up unexpectedly at the Library to repair the outside lights. They installed new fuses, ballasts & plastic panels. All are working good. Cost for the job, \$1699.90. Also, Elmer's Lock replaced the front door lock & they did a great job.

Housekeeping: Kathy reports the entire cleaning crew is back together & everyone is doing a great job.

Landscaping: Michelle reports she will be cleaning up the outside as soon as it is ready.

Schools: No news.

Social: Beverly will serve popcorn & a drink at next month's program .

General: Shirley attended the Chamber meeting last evening & it seems there are a lot of new people in Beecher. Chamber has given out 30 Welcome bags so far & will need 60 more soon. The library participates.
- There will be a showing of the **ELVIS** movie tomorrow at the Township; The Lions Club will be decorating the Tree by the Depot; Bob Barber announced that an Architectural rendering of the new Police Dept. can be seen on the Village website. The land has been purchased. The Penfield Project is set to begin on 4-23-23. The project will include curbs. Cost for the project, 5 Million dollars. He urged all to vote early.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Staff member, Michelle Palmisano attended the meeting and was pleased to

see first-hand the board in action. Board welcomed her & invited input.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick gave a summary of the good job done by **Mert's & Jennings Electric**. Both have been paid & everything looks good. This Friday Eric & a helper will return to finish off the humidity issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- The library will participate in Beecher's **CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE** Tree decorating event on Rt. 1. The theme will be books, of course. Jill and the staff will make laminated copies of all sorts of 'book ornaments' to hang on the tree with the lights. Other ideas were floated for the Holidays, but nothing is certain. Many ideas were already taken. TBA
- The wooden leaves have arrived for the Donation Tree. A memorial for Karen Nelson may be a rolling table w/drawer for Karen Rock's children's programs. Karen Rock is away but we'll check with her later.
- Lance took care of the parking lot repairs.
- The contract for snow removal was received & signed.

Biery moved to adopt **ORDINANCE #92, ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING TAXES OF BEECHER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.** seconded by Czarnecki.

Biery, yes Bunte, absent Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

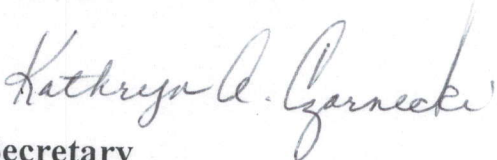
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regular Board Meeting, November 15, 2022 at 7 p.m.**

Saller moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Stamper.

Biery, yes Bunte, absent Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Kathryn A. Czarnecki


Secretary