

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:00 PM - Library**

President Biery called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of September 16, 2014 were reviewed. Skold moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Bunte.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gwen presented the Treasurer's report. Re-imbusement from Will County Treasurer, \$106, 536.01; Financial recap showed a rare dip in *Cetera*. All else, good.

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

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

Board reviewed Outstanding bills. Biery questioned a Swan bill, Jill explained. Skold questioned about Fall clean-up outside, Biery explained it would wait until Maple leaves fall. Vicki gave last minute additions, bringing the total for outstanding bills to \$19,699.14.

Following discussion, Wehling moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, seconded by Skold.

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

Budget Comparison of the fiscal year was reviewed & found sound.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Circ figures for September were down a bit from last year. 'Media On Demand' activity stays steady in the 150-200 range. Jill presented a detailed

page of Circulation activity by STAT group. Shirley had a few questions concerning the list, & Jill explained.

- Attendance for recent Programs have been in the 7-14 range. On Tuesday, Nov.11, the Library will host Tom Emery, Civil War Historian. His fee,\$200.
- Recent Programs for the children were well attended and enjoyed by all.
- Jill attended a training seminar on "change management", offered by SWAN in conjunction with the new ILS.
- Jill is going to purchase a camera for the library. Board members shared several ideas concerning the purchase of a camera.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter from Mike Hameister officially announcing his retirement from Snow Plowing. In his letter he recommended Gary Hedger, and stated that Gary agreed to all the terms offered by Hameister in years past. Shirley phoned Gary of our contract were. He did not. In the meantime, Larry Sanders sent an offer to plow. Subject tabled to new business.
- A personal letter from library patron, Carol Carmin. Carol wrote to thank the Staff for always being friendly, attentive and helpful!
- Shirley sent a letter of thanks to Bud Cowger, Village of Beecher, thanking him & his crew for repairing the sink hole in the parking lot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Joe looks around the grounds regularly... nothing to report. Shirley mentioned the repair of the sink hole.

Housekeeping: Kathy reports a crew of 3 got the job done this morning.

Personnel: Gwen has nothing to report at this time.

Schools: Jennifer has no news.

Social: Beverly served coffee, water and cookies at the 'Old Man and the Sea' Book Reading program.

General: Shirley reported on the sink hole in the back (south) parking lot. The Village has looked it over but have yet to move on it. It is uncertain who is responsible for repair.

- Shirley sent a bill for \$12 to RAILS for the 2nd key they broke.
- Several young men set-up a field hockey game in our parking lot on the weekend. Shirley briefed them on the law, personal property etc.; they finally left- Shirley shared that she had a phone call from Bob Barber about Art Van Baren's new construction plans. He will be asking for a 10 year, 50% rebate on his taxes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Jill happily reported that 'ALL RIGHT Signs' replaced all the dead bulbs in our outdoor sign. Fred Postma replaced the timer.

- Ask Mike Hameister to write up a list of specs for the job.

- Prepare Board packets; publish the announcement in newspapers.

Dean moved that we replace bulbs and ballasts in the outdoor sign for the time-being, seconded by Skold.

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

NEW BUSINESS

President Biery led a discussion on the state of taxes in our Library District. The purchase of the airport by the State has resulted in a huge loss to public entities.

Following a lengthy discussion, Czarnecki moved to adopt **Ordinance #65, ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING TAXES OF BEECHER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 and ending JUNE 30, 2015**, seconded by Skold.

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

Snow removal was discussed. A letter will go out to both businesses with an outline of what we want done. Results to follow at next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

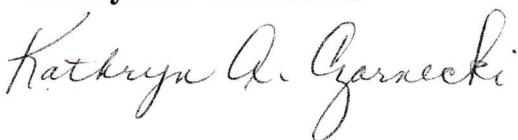
- The library will host *Sunday at the Library* on November 9th, 2-4 p.m.

- **Regular meeting Nov. 18, 2014, 7 pm**

Skold moved to adjourn meeting at 7:53 pm, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary