

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, November 18, 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, present; Skold, present; Wehling, present.

Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier were also present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of September 21, 2014 were reviewed. Dean moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Bunte.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gwen presented the Treasurer's report. Nothing out of the ordinary occurred, re-cap sound. Board members voiced concern about future income. Specifically, the impact of lost revenue due to the State of Illinois' Land Banking.

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

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

Board reviewed Outstanding bills. Vicki reported last minute additions, bringing the total for outstanding bills to \$14,444.80.

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

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

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Circ figures were good in October.

- Attendance for the Civil War program on Nov. 11th was 25.
- Sunday at the Library was also a success. Gwen and John Dean beautifully performed O' Henry's *Gift of the Magi*. Jim Kreske read E.A. Poe's *Tell-Tale Heart*. Both men & women were in attendance, and everyone enjoyed the programs.
- FOIA requires that the Board of Trustees have an email address. Board went with Trustees@beecherlibrary.com
- Celia is working on creating a section of non-fiction DVD's, making it easier to find documentaries. This is a part of Jill's objectives.
- New ILS training can be accessed online. Jill plans to assign classes to both staff & volunteers after the 1st of the year.
- Jill presented options for new look & color of the 'new' catalog. Board decided to opt out of the SWAN 6 mo. trial period for pick-ups.
- Jill presented her final choices for a new camera, and will purchase one soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Shirley sent two letters to Mr. Tom Nicholson, Sales & Customer Service Manager for the delivery service. The first was a request for re-imbursment for the cost of another key (\$12). Several keys have been broken since this company took over the job.

The second letter was a follow-up from a phone conversation and it concerns the frequency of overnight alarms since Continental Transportation Solutions took over. In all the years the old service performed these duties, the alarm was never set-off. The excuses they have given are unacceptable for a professional service.

- Shirley sent a letter, along with a re-imbursment check (\$1142.49) to Mr. Arthur Van Baren, Dutch American Foods, as per our agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Joe & Lance have nothing to report.

Housekeeping: Kathy has nothing new to report.

Personnel: Gwen has nothing to report at this time.

Schools: Jennifer has no news.

Social: Beverly reports she served Apple Cider and donut holes at the *Sunday At The Library* program and it was very well received!

General: Shirley relayed the events that led to her writing a letter to RAILS

delivery service. Having been awakened AGAIN at 4:30 am because the alarm went off for the 4th time in 10 months is simply inexcusable.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mike Hameister promised Shirley he would submit specs for the HVAC job. Several phone calls resulted in no specs this evening. Lance agreed to speak with Mike Hameister about how disappointed the board is in this matter. Shirley will also follow-up on this. Final decision is tabled until December.

The board reviewed the bids for snow-plowing. After much discussion, it was put to a vote. Skold moved to hire Jim Sprague, seconded by Bunte. **Biery, yes ; Bunte, yes ; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes; Saller, yes; Skold, yes; Wehling yes,. Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

None.

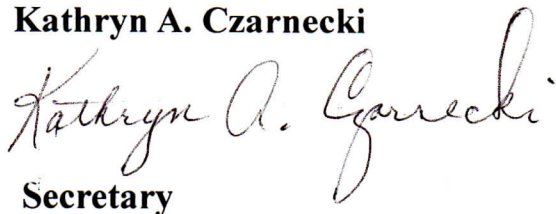
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular meeting Dec. 16, 2014, 7 pm

Saller moved to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Skold.

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

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary