

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:00 PM - Library**

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Minutes from the November 17<sup>th</sup> regular & executive meeting were reviewed. Skold moved to accept regular minutes as amended, executive minutes as presented, seconded by Dean.

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

Minutes from the Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting were reviewed. Czarnecki moved to accept minutes as presented, Saller seconded.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was presented by Gwen. Finances are sound. Following some discussion, Skold moved to approve Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Board reviewed the outstanding bills. Vicki noted additions; new total, \$16,039.30.

Biery moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, with additions, seconded by Skold.

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

Vicki updated the Financial recap, correcting amounts of taxes received & Investment interest.

Budget Comparison is ongoing.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Checkout Stats were low for November. This is a trend with other libraries. Board will address ideas to improve in unfinished business,
  - Of the 500 new library cards, 19 were off & will be returned.
  - 'Golopagos' program, 22 attended; 'Make a Present for Parents', 19; Star Wars, 24. Attendance is good. Jill observed that many of the children do not check out books. A brief announcement before or after a program, with parents present, is a perfect opportunity to solicit new patrons.
  - A \$590 donation from Roz Willy, in memory of her husband, will allow us to purchase a microphone & speakers & a PA system.
- The per-capita grant from State will be cut in half this year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Building/Grounds:** Shirley reports: The parking lot has been repaired & not one comment has been heard. We need 2 more estimates from a curb contractor. Fred cleaned the gutters which were really bad. We'll get an estimate from *Gutter Guards*. Mike Stanula is working on specs for sign.

**Housekeeping:** Everything is clean & festive.

**Personnel:** Gwen had no report at this time.

**Schools:** None .

**Social:** Despite her absence, Beverly sent along a tray of Christmas cookies, her yearly gift to the board. Board enjoyed coffee & cookies at tonight's meeting.

**General:** Shirley had no further business.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pres. Biery read Resolution #14.

Biery moved to adopt RESOLUTION #14, A RESOLUTION BY THE BEECHER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTMENT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, seconded by Saller.

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

Board reviewed the 'Continuing Education Policy' and it was discussed at length. Some objections concerned wording (i.e. require vs. recommend), the idea of using work hours for class work, and the fact that current staff was not hired with this requirement. Gwen agreed to attend a staff meeting to explain the policy and answer questions. Discussion will resume in