BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Monthly Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:00 PM

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Biery, present; Kerber, present; Saller, present, Wehling, present. Jill Grosso and Vicki Squier were also present.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the December 13, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Following review, Wehling moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Kerber. Biery, yes; Kerber, yes; Saller, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Biery presented the Treasurer's Report. Following review, Biery commented on the Budget Comparison, ending at the 6-month Fiscal Year period. Figures are in line, despite inflation and salary increases for entire staff. Biery moved to approve payment of current outstanding bills. Saller seconded the motion. Biery, yes; Kerber, yes; Saller, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Jill presented the circulation statistics for December, indicating an increase over the previous year.

-The December Children's Programs were successful. They included Elf on the Bookshelf, 163 participants; Story Time, 37 participants; Gingerbread House program 51 participants; Noon Year's Eve Party, 27 participants; and Make A Craft, 115 participants.

-To begin the Summer Reading program, Jill suggested "The Incredible World of Bats" at a cost of \$400, with the possibility of a baby sloth for an addition \$150. Children's Plus may contribute the cost for the sloth. All agreed that Jill should schedule the program.

- Jill led a discussion concerning possible future Adult Programs. It was agreed that "1933 World's Fair" for \$300 and an Amelia Earhart impersonator for \$450 might be possibilities. Time of programs was discussed -- Sunday afternoon vs. evening. It was agreed that Sunday afternoons were more popular in the past

- Michael and Celia Powers are scheduled to present a slide show of their 2022 trip to Portugal on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

-Jill continues to work on the agreement for wifi hotspots and internet fees.

-The high school Spanish teacher, Mirna Mueller offered the Spanish Club to present a story time with crafts. Jill will ask for additional details.

-Due to inclement weather, the Library was closed on Thursday, Dec. 22 and Friday, December 23.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/Grounds: Kerber reported that the humidifier was adjusted to lower the amount of moisture in the Library.

Housekeeping: Biery reported that the volunteers asked Fred Postma to assist with Christmas decorations, especially moving items from and to the upstairs, and hanging outside wreaths.

Landscaping/Schools/Social/General: No Reports

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

-The Photo Release Form was discussed again. Wehling moved that it be adopted. Saller seconded. Biery, yes; Kerber, yes; Saller, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

-Jill explained the 2023 Per Capita Grant Annual Checklist. We meet most of the objectives and priorities required. The others will be addressed during the year.

-The second resignation letter from Karen Rock, Story Time Coordinator, was discussed. She originally offered her resignation for March 31,2023. A second resignation letter was received giving the date as February 24, 2023.

Biery moved to accept her resignation. Kerber seconded the motion. Biery, yes; Kerber, yes; Saller, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Jill will post the opening for Story Time Coordinator at all available sites.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Saller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Wehing. Biery, yes; Kerber, yes; Saller, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

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