

BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2023 7:00 PM

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

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

Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier were also present.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from January 17, 2023 were reviewed. Following review, Saller moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Kerber.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bunte presented the Treasurer's report & Financial recap. Following review, Saller moved to approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Kerber.

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

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed & updated. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve payment of current Outstanding bills (\$18,364.98), seconded by Stamper.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Checkout stats for January improved, great news!
- The **Children's Programs** were good. Valentine's Day Yarn Monsters, 22 and **Storytime** had 71 attend over a 5 week period.

The Adult Craft, "**Book Page Hearts**" had 24 in attendance with very good feedback!

- Jill shared the plans for the Summer Reading Program. **The Incredible World of Bats** is scheduled for Fri. June 16 at 10 a.m. at the Community Building. CHILDREN'S PLUS donated \$150 so the Sloth can come too.

- Upcoming Adult programs: Sun. 3/19 2 p.m. **Portugal Travelogue** by Mike Powers; Sun. 4/16 2 p.m. **Al Capone & The Chicago World's Fair** (\$330) & on Sun. 9/24 2 p.m. **Leslie Goddard as Amelia Earhart**, (\$400)
- Jill requested opening an Amazon Prime account for \$69 with a credit limit of \$500 & 1-2 day shipping. Vote will be in New Business.
- Jill requested we join **Explore More Illinois**, free of cost, offering discounted passes to many sites in Illinois & Wisconsin, similar to the **Adventure Pass Program**. The new program offers **different** sites.
- The phones were down from 2/10- 2/14 due to Construction in town.
- Spanish Club Story Time: The Spanish Club will read a story, teach the children a Song/Game in Spanish on April 29th, a week before Cinco de Mayo. Mrs. Mueller, who is a teacher, has agreed to run this program.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter to Ms. Karen Rock, accepting her resignation and wishing her well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: The problems with the front doors was discussed. We are in need of repairs or replacements. Shirley and Michelle had suggestions for getting professionals to come out to assess the situation & offer ideas.

Housekeeping: Kathy reports the cleaning crew is doing well.

Landscaping: Michelle can't work outdoors until the weather changes.

Schools: Jennifer shared the news that a beloved teacher, Becky Goodwin passed away. Also, the cleanup from the flooding in the High School gym is ongoing.

Social: Kathy & Shirley will host the **Portugal Travelogue** & serve refreshments.

General: Shirley gave members readouts she obtained when she attended a meeting at the Village Hall on the **Penfield Construction** project.

Representatives from **Baxter & Woodman** presented plans, shared the schedule & held a Q & A. Shirley reviewed the information with the board so that we might have a clear picture of the project.

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is set for April 1st. **Garage Sale** dates are June 2nd & 3rd.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Vicki shared the schools will have early dismissal tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

Board discussed the **Penfield Street Improvement** project with emphasis on how it will affect the library and the town.

NEW BUSINESS

The new Storytime Coordinator has been chosen. She is Jennifer (Jenny) Kaczmarczyk. Following discussion, Biery moved to hire Jennifer Kaczmarczyk for the position of Storytime Coordinator, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

The Library's **Donation Policy** seems to have run its course. Following review & discussion, Czarnecki moved to retire the Donation Policy, seconded by Saller.

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

Following review, Biery moved to keep the **Label Rating Policy**, unchanged on this date, 2/21/23, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

The **Amazon Prime Business** membership was discussed. Following discussion, Saller moved to allow Jill to subscribe to **Amazon Prime Business** for \$65 with 1-2 day shipping seconded by Kerber.

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

Shirley asked that the board refer to the letter she gave Jill concerning how she handles Thank-You Cards/Letters. Jill defended her position on how she handled the issue. Discussion followed. It was agreed that going forward, a 'Thank-You' should be sent out immediately. Sooner rather than later, always.

Jennifer shared that she has been asked by some people why Water bottles

aren't allowed in the library, as is our policy. In many public places & libraries, coffee & water are allowed. The subject was discussed with no resolution or change at this time.

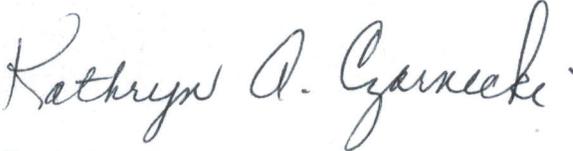
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting, March 21, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Saller moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Kathryn A. Czarnecki

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn A. Czarnecki". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Secretary