

**BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 15 , 2014 7:00 PM - Library**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Regular and Executive minutes of March 18,2014, and the April 8, 2014 Special meeting were reviewed. Saller moved to accept all three minutes as presented, seconded by Skold.

Biery, yes; Bunte, ; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes to regular & executive minutes, abstain from Special 4/8/14 meeting; Saller, yes; Skold, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gwen talked to Jim (Our Cetera Manager) at First Community Bank concerning the expansion plans. He assured her our funds will be available in 2-3 days after request. He also re-assured her that our Cetera investment is very safe/low risk. The treasurer's report was then reviewed.

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

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

Board reviewed Outstanding bills. Shirley noted an extra expense, incurred by damage to electrical box from plowing. Board agreed to pay to Alan Bakhaus while waiting for a decision from L&H. Vicki also had a last minute addition.

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

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

Board reviewed the Budget Comparison and found it to be sound.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Circ STATS for March were a bit higher than last year,. Media on Demand

numbers are good (169). The new music feature, *Freegel* is catching on. Shirley requested a more concise picture or breakdown of Children/Junior stats. This is necessary in planning Juvenile spaces in the addition..

- RAILS/SWAN completed the contract with the new system.
- PROGRAMS: *Identity Theft* program had only 6 in attendance. No one has signed-up for the *Memories for Mom* yet. Pam Hunte will be here on May 19 to share her experiences in *Afghanistan*. On June 19 there will be a representative from the *Morton Arboretum*, speaking on the Emerald Ash Borer.

- Objectives Completed: Jill & Dawn visited the elementary school to discuss the 'common core' initiative.

Jill attended the Lions Club meeting to talk about our library services. She received a mediocre response.

In May, Jill will attend the AMVETS meeting.

- Still to be completed: Orientation Manual.

- Summer Reading program (June 16-July 28) was discussed. Jill will make some changes in the program & attempt to keep the children from quitting midway through the program. The adults will be getting a 'Bingo' type card with several genres of reading to complete. This is a way to broaden their reading habits & make it more fair all around.

- The folks from Settler's Pond will be here for the kick-off on Tuesday, June 24 1-3. They requested a \$100 donation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter to Brad Wehling, Wehling Lawn Care, accepting his contract.

- Letter to Randall Schmidt, Tadpole's Landscaping, accepting his contract.

- A letter to Christine Szymanski, Manager Midland States Bank, including all paperwork they requested; and thanking the representatives for coming to our special meeting. Midland responded late this afternoon. We will ask Greg Ohlendorf At Community Bank to send a summary of his proposal to compare the two.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Tadpole will repair the sod at Community Building as soon as the weather breaks. Problems persist with Parking Lot lights.

Housekeeping: Kathy reports no news.

Personnel: No news at this time

Schools: No news.

Social: No news at this time.

General: Shirley reported on the Alarm incident at 3 a.m. & the follow-up with the delivery service. She requested they come out personally, they agreed & nothing was resolved. The gentlemen were very nice & cooperative, but denied being at fault. Maybe the visit will make them more careful when they enter the building.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Library expansion was discussed at length. The board agrees it is time to have Jim Fessler (Attorney) here to advise. A letter to the public announcing our plans is on the agenda. Mike Stanula will have new figures (including A/C and Electrical) soon. We want to insure that our bids go out to a wide variety of prospective contractors. Our goal is to always be above board in all aspects of this venture. Shirley agreed to get all the paperwork together for the attorney. We will then make a date for meeting with him.

NEW BUSINESS: The Wireless Internet Policy was discussed. Jill gave her opinions and suggestions on making changes. Following discussion, Skold moved to adopt the "Wireless Internet policy" as amended, seconded by Dean.

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

Skold moved to adjourn to executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss personnel, seconded by Saller . **Biery, yes ; Bunte, ; Czarnecki, yes; Dean, yes; Saller, yes; Skold, yes; Wehling, yes. Motion passed.**

Board returned to regular session at 8:50 pm.

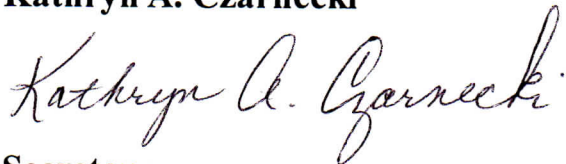
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next regular meeting, May 20, 2014**

Czarnecki moved to adjourn meeting at 8:52 PM , seconded by Wehling.

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

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary