

## **BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

### **Monthly Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Biery and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **TRUSTEE ROLL CALL**

**Biery**, present **Czarnecki**, present **Kerber**, present **Oppenhuis**, present **Saller**, present, **Short**, present, **Wehling**, present.

Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier were also present.

#### **First Order of Business:**

Jill Grosso read aloud the official results of the April 1, 2025 election, certified by Will County Clerk, **Lauren Staley Ferry**. The Consolidated Election for Trustees of the Beecher Public Library District, Will County, Illinois will serve 6 year terms. Shirley R. Biery, (456) Sheila Oppenhuis, (484) and Douglas Short Jr. (392) were the duly elected winners of the **Office of Library Trustee of the Beecher Community Library District, Will County, Illinois.**

Following the announcement of results, nominations were held for a **2 year term** for Officers.

Wehling moved to nominate Sheila Oppenhuis for Treasurer, seconded by Short.

Saller moved to nominate Kathryn Czarnecki for Secretary, seconded by Kerber.

Short moved to nominate Lance Saller for Vice-President, seconded by Czarnecki.

Oppenhuis moved to nominate Shirley Biery for President, seconded by Wehling.

Board members were unanimous, responding, "Aye" to all nominees.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes from the April 15, 2025 & the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of April 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Wehling.

**Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes, **Oppenhuis**, yes **Saller**, yes, **Short**, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report & Financial recap were reviewed. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to approve reports, seconded by Biery.

**Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Oppenhuis**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Short**, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were presented, additions were made. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve payment of outstanding bills, with additions totaling \$33,399.23, seconded Kerber.

**Biery**, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Oppenhuis**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes, **Short**, yes **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

The **Budget Comparison** remains good.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. **Statistics:** Total 2178, Checkouts 1420, Media On Demand 425 & Hoopla, 139.

2. **Programs:** Children's Storytime 95 (5 weeks). Jill announced that Storytime will move across the street for Summer. **Geometric Lanterns**, 10. **Tiny Art Show**, 84.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

- \* Summer Reading program begins June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- \* Reptile Program, Fri. June 13<sup>th</sup>.

- \* Adult Puzzle Swap

- \* Murder Mystery Night

- \* Travelogue

- \* Adult Craft

- \* Adult Tie Dye and there will be no weekly Trivia questions during Summer Reading this year.

Asking for permission:

Jill asked for & received permission to call the maintenance man to clean out the copy machine and also purchase a new ink cartridge, (\$180).

A Beecher Elementary student made bookmarks with encouraging phrases and would like to share them with library patrons as part of the school's '**Acts of Kindness**' program. After the board expressed agreement, Jill promised to look them over to make sure they're appropriate.

Lance asked Jill how the Genealogy Service is coming. She agreed to put the announcement in the Newsletter to reach more people.

\* Staff evaluations will take place in June.

\* Jill shared her monthly report.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A letter was sent to Mr. Brian Buiter, **Preferred Window & Door.**

Included in the letter were: The signed contract, a copy of our tax exempt status, and a check for 50% down payment ( Ck. # 922, for \$7,389.16.) for the job.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building/Grounds:** Shirley commented on how. great the building looks, since the entire front was power-washed. Rick also admired John Engstrom's excellent work!

**Housekeeping:** Our Cleaning Crew is as loyal & efficient as ever!.

**Schools:** Sheila reported that May 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for the children, the Teacher's last day, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Landscaping:** Doug has nothing to report as of yet.

**Social:** Beverly reports there will be a program in June.

**General:** Shirley has nothing to report.

**Audience Participation:** Vicki had requested changes be made concerning a coordination of Board meeting dates & bills that arrive later. See: New Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Concerning the Window Remodeling: Brian should have the specs done by early June & be ready to begin work by mid- July.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Biery proposed the following in reply to Vicki's request:

Biery moved that any outstanding invoices or bills which arrive following the monthly Board Meetings, where all previous ones have been approved, be included in those paid at the end of the month with Staff checks.

This includes those from regular utility/supply/maintenance companies. It also includes the invoices from the Library maintenance man, or any work

completed during an emergency. These are to be approved by the Director or a Trustee before they are paid, seconded by Czarnecki.

**Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Oppenhuis, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Short, yes, Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

Jill proposed that the Library participate in the Banner program in town, sponsored by the **Beecher Chamber of Commerce**, at a cost of \$43.20. Saller moved that we participate in the Chamber Of Commerce Street Banner program for \$43.20, seconded by Short.

**Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Oppenhuis, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Short, yes, Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

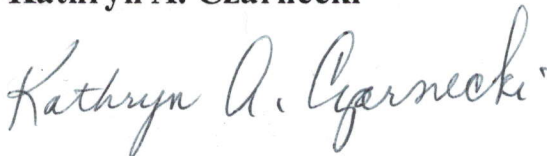
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7 PM**

Oppenhuis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Saller.

**Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Oppenhuis, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Short, yes, Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

**Kathryn A. Czarnecki**

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**Secretary**

**Beecher Community Library**  
**Thursday June 5, 2025 3:00 p.m.**

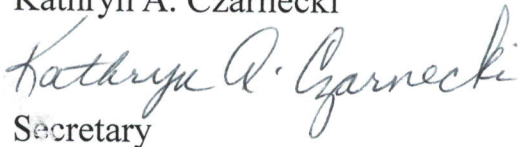
A **Special Meeting** was called to discuss the status of a Certificate of Deposit (CD) that has recently matured.

**Biery**, present **Czarnecki**, present **Kerber**, present **Oppenhuis**, absent  
**Saller**, present **Short**, absent **Wehling**, present.

Shirley agreed to go to the Midland Bank & pose questions with them on our behalf.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Kathryn A. Czarnecki

  
Secretary