BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 6:30 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING LIBRARY EXPANSION

Meeting was called to order by president Biery & began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Biery, present; Bunte, absent; Czarnecki, present; Dean, absent; Saller, present; Skold, present; Wehling, present.

President Biery opened the discussion with a report on her meeting with Mike Stanula. The option of adding two pods to the south end of the building, as opposed to a complete addition was the main topic. The cost for 2 pods would be about \$150,000. A two-story addition would be approximately \$1 million.

- Shirley also met with Greg Ohlendorf, First Community Bank, to discuss our financial options for the project. The library currently has \$700,000.00 available. Greg thinks we are in a very good position to borrow. A 10 year Open Contract or an Installment loan are possibilities. Greg also suggested we ask the village for a variance.
- Shirley spoke with George Obradovich, former Beecher School Supt. He offered advice but shared that his experience was different, involving Referendums and Bonds.
- Jill and Shirley will be traveling to Burr Ridge on Thursday to look into the possibility of getting a Grant for our library. They are currently offering 2 grants (with the money put aside) for expanding services.
- The results of the resident survey will be good insight into what people would like to see offered at the library. It will also help greatly in the decision-making for the expansion.
- -The board members pored over the latest blueprints. New additions, meeting rooms, children's section and much more were discussed. Shirley

wondered if we couldn't find out where the most dramatic changes are occurring in different 'Collection" areas of the library. The more information we can compile pertaining to the needs of the library, the easier our job.

Saller moved that we adjourn at 7:27 pm, seconded by Skold.

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

Kathrijn Q. Garnecki Secretary Kathryn A. Czarnecki