

**Homer Community Library
Board Meeting
September 10, 2024**

Present: Christine Cunningham, David Steckel, Becci Powers, Chantelle Thompson, and Casey Phillips

Absent: Jillian Weathers, Troy Schiff, and Joe Rice

Visitors: Cindy Happ

Call to Order: 7:04pm by Becci (Treasurer runs meeting, as President and VP are out tonight)

Public Comment: Cindy Happ

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy Happ stated that the Friends will be hosting an author-illustrator book signing event Saturday Nov 9 9am-noon. They already have 11 out of 12 spots filled and would love to have one more relatively local author to attend. Sunday, Nov. 24 is their annual Tea Party fundraiser and they are working on center pieces and models for the clothing. The Friends will be helping with the Fall Book sale the first weekend Oct and the Library anniversary open house being held Thurs. Sept. 19.

Secretary's Report: Casey emailed copies of August's minutes to the members and brought copies for their review. Chantelle moved to approve meeting minutes as amended and David seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Taxes had to be paid this last month. New membership accounts are still trending high but no one specific reason for this increase, but are happy to report that memberships are already at 60% for the fiscal year!

Budget Report: We are 4 months into the fiscal year and we have \$118,732.74 in funding sources with a loss of \$717.60 for the month.

Income: Over half of the income received this month came from residual payouts from the Tax Levy and we had another significant increase in paid memberships. We also received nearly \$250 in CD interest.

Bills: David moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$42.91 from Amazon for new release DVDs. Chantelle seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
Chantelle moved to approve Baker & Taylor for \$273.25, LibraryWorld (catalog and circulation program) \$525 annual membership renewal (\$30 increase from last year), and reimbursement to Christine \$99.95 for cardstock with David seconding and the motion carried unanimously.

Other bills to note are the IL Dept. of Revenue for \$112.52

Librarian's Report: Computers are seeing more use due to students being back in school and using them for homework and AR tests but they are also playing games and adding unauthorized browser extensions. Christine is working with an advisor to alleviate that issue and clean up the computer memories. WonderBooks have had a solid number of circulations already and we are able to borrow more titles from other libraries at member's requests.

Christine said that they will be going on CI Living next week to promote the library anniversary and open house celebration. The Village is switching phone and internet providers to Connexus on Sept 20 so there may be a few bumps to smooth out.

There was discussion over the Personal Property Replacement Tax revenue due to the library.

Old Business

Policy Review: tabled until October as Jilian was not present tonight

Anniversary Open House: Set for Thursday Sept. 19 4-7:00pm, Christine will send out further information so that we can try to be available to help and attend.

New Business

Plan for Halloween: Halloween is on a Thursday this year and the library will hold regular hours and welcome trick or treaters during the Village Halloween Party

RIFF Kickoff: We are waiting on a date from school, usually a Wed in October.

Library-card sign up (AR books, renewals, etc.): September is National Library Card Sign Up Month and we will supply the school with fliers to send home with the students promoting card sign ups and the Open House.

Winter Holiday closures and compensation: tabled until October to review calendar

Adjourn: Casey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm and Chantelle seconded. Motion passed. Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 8 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by Casey Phillips, Secretary