

**Homer Community Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2023**

**Present:** Jillian Weathers, Chantelle Thompson, Christine Cunningham Library Director, Becci Powers, Casey Phillips, Joe Rice, and Troy Schiff

**Visitors:** none

**Call To Order:** Jill Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

**Public Comment:** none

**Friends of the Library:** Cindy Happ was not present tonight

**Secretary's Report:** Joe moved to accept June's minutes after amending a spelling error and Beccisecoded. Motion passed and report approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Becci presented and stated that tax levy check was received for \$3,789.11, memberships were up due to the email campaign to renew before fee increase, the quarterly CD interest was \$555.88, and a \$500 donation in the form of a check was received from a patron.

**Budget Report:** The grand total is \$114,989.06 with a gain of \$3,180.67. Troy moved to approve Visa Debit charges of \$317.77 Joe seconded, motion carried

**Bills:** The Librarian's charges and other bills to note are Baker & Taylor \$345.29, IL Dept of Revenue \$49.04, and safe deposit box fee at Prospect Bank for \$15.00. Becci moved to approve these charges, Chantelle seconded, motion carried

**Librarian's Report:** Christine reported that the library was officially closed on June 29 due to the damaging storm that resulted in loss of power for multiple days. A generator allowed for them to do some brief work but they remained closed to the public that day.

IPLAR is done and submitted.

They applied for a grant through Rob-See-Co and will find out in Sept what/if the award amount will be. The library received adult fiction audio books from other libraries and they are working on cataloging and jacket wrapping those to get them ready for public access. Teenage volunteers have been helping with that process.

Discussion of establishing a safety procedure for precautions to be taken should someone that poses a risk refuse to leave the building while security is absent was held.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy:** tabled

**New Trustee Ideas:** May Kay Anderson's move out of state has been postponed and she may be interested in coming back. Jill asked the trustees to consider who they know and talk to prospects to gauge interest in joining

**IPLAR:** Christine reported that it's completed and submitted

**Library Anniversary:** Will form a committee to handle a project for that event that will be in June 2024

**School Electronic Registration:** The school district is moving towards electronic student registration so there won't be an information table for library materials during sign ups. We will need to look into whether the schools can place the library information on their enrollment websites.

**Treasurer Audit Prep:** Auditors have everything they need from Becci and she is waiting to hear back from them

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Policy Review:** Christine will provide copies for the board to review

**Broadlands Festival:** Set for Sept. 23 and will be setting up an info table and Friends of the Library will run the pick-a-pin fundraiser. Open to more ideas for that day.

**Adjourn:** Joe moved to adjourn meeting at 7:38pm and Chantelle seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Casey Phillips, Secretary