

**Library Board Meeting  
Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library  
Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

President Mary Ann Scopel called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees Don Chapman, Norman Emmons, Dona Hubert, Cindy Saracco, Mary Ann Scopel and Librarian Mary Newman. Absent – Trustees Jerri Bayse, Denise Cadmus and Vickie Laughlin. City Liaison John Balzraine was also in attendance.

Additions to Agenda – Elect new member of Board.

**Trustee Emmons made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting; second by Trustee Saracco. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2021 special meeting; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Hubert made a motion to approve the June and July 2021 Treasurer's Reports; second by Trustee Saracco. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

Librarian's Report: Mary went through her written report (on file). This is the Library's 24<sup>th</sup> year of serving Benld and surrounding cities. The Summer Reading program was very successful. Tuesday night's ice cream has been well attended. Digital picture project is complete. Landscaping will be done later this month. Problems with air conditioning were fixed. Per capita grant money has been deposited. Working on a grant for new computers through the State Library and the American Rescue Plan Act. Pictures donated by Kathy Zarr will be displayed on an easel. **Trustee Chapman made a motion to accept the Librarian's report; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports: None

City Liaison John Balzraine reported that Jake Simmons (city code enforcer) will be working 2 days a month.

Continued Business: (a) Investments – Trustee Saracco reported that Greg Craine is working on finding something to earn us a decent return. (b) Floor – Have not heard anything. (c) Digitalize Pictures Project has been completed. (d) Fundraising – **Trustee Saracco made a motion to join other local libraries in a Kringles fundraiser; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** Orders will be taken in October and delivered in November. Price is \$16 and we receive \$8 for each Kringle sold. (e) Landscaping project – Will be done on August 20 and 23.

New Business: (a) Resignation of Trustee Bev Gibson – **Trustee Saracco made a motion to accept the resignation of Trustee Gibson; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous.** (b) Resignation of Trustee Dona Hubert as Secretary – **Trustee Saracco made a motion to accept the resignation of Trustee Hubert as Secretary; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (c) Appointment of new Board Secretary – **Trustee Hubert made a motion to appoint Trustee Saracco as new Board secretary until election of officers in November; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (d) Opening and awarding of Live and Learn Construction Grant (Furnace) – Only one bid received from Reid's Service (\$9,260). **Trustee Chapman made a motion to accept the bid from Reid's Service; second by Trustee Saracco. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (c) New Board Member – **Trustee Hubert made a motion to replace Trustee Beverly Gibson with Kathy Barylske, with approval of Benld City Council; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.**

Dona M. Hubert  
Library Board Secretary