

**Library Board Meeting
Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library
Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

Vice President Gerri Bayse called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees Denise Cadmus, Beverly Gibson, Vickie Laughlin, Don Chapman, Gerri Bayse, Cindy Saracco, Norm Emmons and Librarian Mary Newman. City Council Liaison Jim Tilashalski was also present.
Absent – Trustees Dona Hubert and Mary Ann Scopel.

There were no guests in attendance.

Trustee Laughlin made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting with a second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Trustee Gibson made a motion to approve the January 2020 Library Finance Report as submitted with a second by Trustee Cadmus. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report (on file): Librarian Mary Newman reported that our restroom is now in compliance with the New State Law (Public Act 101-293, HB 3711) as a diaper changing table has been installed. Also, she has called Mike Kelly to check on the status of the fence. Installation is on hold until he knows more about a possible grant. Mary applied for and received a Fit-Bit grant and received 20 Fit-Bits. The library will host a walking challenge during the month of April. In addition, she was able to purchase a Dell computer with a 24-inch monitor and a 4-year protection plan through Wal-Mart for \$353.67. The vent in the back room has been installed. Mary requested permission to attend Library Law Day on May 15. This will be addressed later in the meeting. Upcoming events include Family Reading Night with Head Start on March 26, EngAGED Illinois (IL Department of Aging) on March 23, Census help on April 3, a visit with the Easter Bunny on April 4, and an informative session on Senior Fraud sponsored by the Comptroller's Office on April 20. **Trustee Laughlin made a motion to accept the Librarian's report with a second by Trustee Bayse. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

There were no committee reports.

Under Continued Business: (a) Floor – Mary reported that she and Trustee Laughlin will be meeting with Rick Verticchio on Friday, February 14 to discuss the upcoming Bench Trial set for Thursday, February 20 at 1:30 p.m.
(b) Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Benld – Concern and confusion were expressed with respect to the letter dated May 16, 2019 from Verticchio's office to Mayor Kelly and the Benld City Council. Said letter included a suggestion from Attorney Verticchio as to how the City should respond to the Library's request for a formal Memorandum of Understanding. Questions were raised as to why this letter's contents were never revealed to the library at the time the letter was received by the city. This matter has been put on hold and will be revisited. (c) Head Start Play Area – Installation of the fence is on hold until Mike Kelly receives word about a possible grant.

Under New Business: (a) Mary announced all dates for future fundraisers scheduled thus far: October 2 is the Wine Tasting and October 24 is the Pancake Breakfast. It was decided to mail the fundraising letter in November after these events so that photos of the events might be included. (b) Trustee Saracco will call Amore for a fundraising dinner date in July. (c) Trustee Laughlin will try to gather more information about the Christmas Tree Fundraiser she had mentioned at last month's meeting. **Trustee Chapman made a motion to allow Mary to attend Library Law Day on May 15 with a second by Trustee Cadmus. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

Under Items for the next Agenda: Floor, Memorandum of Understanding, and Head Start Play Area.

Trustee Cadmus made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Trustee Saracco. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Cindy Saracco
Secretary Pro Tem