

**Library Board Meeting
Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library
Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

President Mary Ann Scopel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

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

Trustee Cadmus made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Trustee Emmons made a motion to approve the November 2021 Treasurer’s Report: second by Trustee Saracco. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Librarian’s Report: Mary went through her written report (on file). The library received a second distribution of property taxes. Computers will be delivered soon and Mary is working with Illini Tech to set up the filters to meet the required guidelines. The Visit with Santa was very successful with 37 children attending. Build Benld donated the candy for the treat bags. The State Library approved the use of grant funds to pay \$588.72 for furnace repair and to purchase furnace filters costing \$151.00. The Per Capita Grant will be sent by the end of the month. Mobile Unit will be here May 3 and Oct. 4. This visit will not include the Rules of the Road Class. **Trustee Laughlin made a motion to accept the Librarian’s report; second by Trustee Cadmus. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports: No formal reports were given, but it was suggested that Cindy or Mary contact John Baggio about another fundraising buffet at Amore.

City Liaison John Balzraine spoke with the city’s attorney, Rick Verticchio who assured John that the library would not have to pay any court costs.

Continued Business: (a) Grant Updates – waiting for computers; furnace work is completed. (b) Floor – this issue has at long last been put to rest.

New Business: (a) **Trustee Emmons made a motion to approve the 2022 meeting dates; second by Trustee Laughlin. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (b) **Trustee Cadmus made a motion to approve the 2022 days closed; second by Trustee Saracco. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (c) **Trustee Saracco made a motion to approve the 2022 Committee assignments; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (d) I-Bonds – Trustee Laughlin will get back to us with more information when she talks to Greg Craine again. (e) **Trustee Laughlin made a motion to give Librarian Newman a \$350 gift card, Harold Newman a \$275 gift card, and Debbie a \$100 gift card for Christmas; seconded by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote unanimous. Motion carried.**

Items for Next Agenda – I-Bonds; Policy Manual Update; Amore fundraiser

Trustee Laughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Cindy Saracco
Library Board Secretary