

Bement Public Library District Board Meeting
March 15, 2022

Board President Mary Postlewait called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Director Donna Techau and Board Trustees Connie Kinsella, Jill Lawson, Jerry Watzlawick, and Kenneth Wright were present. Trustees Bill Gallagher and Erin Kindred were absent.

Jerry Watzlawick made a motion, seconded by Jill Lawson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All trustees present voted aye.

On the agenda, it was expected that representatives were to come speak to the board about offering free COVID care at the library, but they did not come.

In old business, the final step of the updated technology project, the installation of new patron computers, was being completed the day of the meeting. Director Techau presented a copy of the newly written Patron Code of Conduct and stated that it still needs to be reviewed by an attorney before approval. The genealogical items list was sent to the Piatt County Historical Society and someone there is reviewing them for acceptance to their collection.

Patron confidentiality and videotaping policies were presented. Jerry Watzlawick made a motion, seconded by Connie Kinsella, to approve the policies, and all trustees present voted aye.

In new business, Director Techau reported that the library has the option to purchase AtoZ Database, which is a comprehensive database that can be used by citizens and local businesses and other entities. Its aim would be to provide more in-depth data about the community and help expand or improve outreach, marketing, and employment searching. Before purchasing this, it was suggested to reach out to local businesses for feedback. Director Techau is working on a survey for patrons to help set goals for long-range planning. The solar lights that projected onto the front of the building were stolen. There are a number of events and activities that are being planned for summer programming. The board room would benefit from having a Smart TV and a laptop for presentations by guest speakers. Bids are being sought for the repaving of the parking lot.

Ken Wright made a motion, seconded by Jill Lawson, to replace the outside solar lighting. All trustees present voted aye.

Jerry Watzlawick made a motion, seconded by Connie Kinsella, to purchase a Smart TV and a laptop for the board room. All trustees present voted aye by a roll call vote.

At 6:32 pm, Connie Kinsella made a motion, seconded by Jerry Watzlawick, to adjourn the meeting. All trustees present voted aye. The next board meeting is April 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Connie Kinsella, Board Secretary