

Bement Public Library District Board Meeting
November 15, 2022

Board President Mary Postlewait called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Director Donna Techau and Board Trustees Bill Gallagher, Connie Kinsella, Jill Lawson, and Jerry Watzlawick were present. Trustees Erin Kindred and Kenneth Wright were absent.

Jerry Watzlawick made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bill Gallagher seconded the motion and all trustees present voted aye.

In old business, Director Techau reported that the long range planning survey has not been sent out yet but remains on the to-do list. There is no plan to replace the west door until spring, leaving plenty of time to get additional estimates. All the appropriations and levy paperwork was published and filed. The library signed a maintenance contract with Lanz Plumbing, Heating and Cooling. They will inspect the system twice a year. Director Techau provided more details on OurStorybridge and shared that she will be having a second meeting with the leader of the project. Board members were reminded to complete the required reading for the Per Capita Grant.

In new business, Amazon will no longer be giving extended credit to public libraries. As a result of this, it would be advisable to increase the Visa debit card limit to \$1500 per month. Jerry Watzlawick made a motion to make this increase, and Jill Lawson seconded the motion. All trustees present voted aye.

Connie Kinsella made a motion to approve an annual Christmas celebration for staff not to exceed a budget of \$300. Jerry Watzlawick seconded the motion and all trustees present voted aye.

Jerry Watzlawick made a motion, seconded by Jill Lawson, to approve the purchase of holiday gift cards for staff in the amount of \$75 and for the director in the amount of \$150. All trustees present voted aye.

On the calendar is a blood typing event and blood donation drive on December 2 and December 17, respectively. This will be facilitated by Impact Life. Appointments will be required for blood donation. "Off the Beaten Path" theme events are scheduled for Wednesday night, Nov. 16 at 7pm, and Thursday, Nov. 17 during the day. Director Techau will be speaking on Wednesday night about her experiences growing up in Papua New Guinea. There is a jigsaw puzzle tournament on Nov. 26 at 10am. Bement's school art teacher will be leading an ornament painting event on Dec. 10 from 12-2.

Bill Gallagher made a motion to cancel the regular board meeting for December. Jerry Watzlawick seconded the motion, and all trustees voted aye.

At 6:11 pm, Jerry Watlawick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Lawson seconded the motion and all trustees voted aye.

Connie Kinsella, Board Secretary