

Bement Public Library District Board Meeting
February 15, 2022

Board President Mary Postlewait called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Director Donna Techau and all Board Trustees were present.

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

In old business, Director Techau reported that since the last meeting, four new electrical outlets were installed in the maintenance room. The technology infrastructure update should be completely finalized soon. Three children attended the first Thursday Time for Tots, and it went well. The library contributed items to the community Valentine's Bags for Seniors.

Upcoming events include a final vaccination clinic on Feb. 23. Tom Kinsella will be speaking during senior hour on Feb. 22 about gardening. The Limerick Contest is in March and April will be Artist month.

In new business, to assist with community outreach, Director Techau proposed a First Year program to connect with families with newborn infants. A baby gift that includes information about the library would be given to parents as a welcome gesture. The board approved moving ahead with this idea. Staff training was held on February 7; it was a good training and well-received. Director Techau reported that there have been some issues with the reliability of the current internet provider, and she will be looking into other provider options. Current news suggests that the state mask mandate may be lifted at the end of February; if that occurs, the library will become a mask-optional space. In response to events that have been occurring in libraries statewide, the board recommended creating a policy stating its rules for videotaping in the library.

At 6:11 pm, Ken Wright moved to adjourn the meeting, and Bill Gallagher seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the library.

Connie Kinsella, Secretary