

Bement Public Library District Board Meeting
January 17, 2023

Board President Mary Postlewait called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Director Donna Techau and Board Trustees Bill Gallagher, Connie Kinsella, Jill Lawson, Jerry Watzlawick, and Kenneth Wright were present. Trustee Erin Kindred was absent.

Jill Lawson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bill Gallagher seconded the motion, and all trustees voted aye.

In old business, Director Techau reported that the long range planning survey will be posted online and available in a print version on January 18. She is planning to follow up on estimates for replacing the west door in March or April. Candidate filings for the April 4, 2023 election have 3 current trustees on the ballot running for re-election for 4 year terms. There will be one 2-year unexpired term with no candidate on the ballot. Director Techau has not received any feedback from the community council regarding OurStory Bridge. The library will only pursue this project if there is community collaboration. The library requested a Per Capita grant to be used to help fund summer programming. The theme for this year from the state is "Finding Your Voice." Twelve people donated blood at the blood drive held in December.

In new business, the board discussed options for ways to honor 2 employees who have worked at the library for 30 and 33 years. Because of changes in the minimum wage that will increase the salary budget, the board will begin looking at long-range planning and options that might include eventually changing library hours. Director Techau informed the board that a PayPal account was created so that people could make online charitable donations to the library. The extremely cold temperatures from last month caused the library's water pipes to freeze. In the future, there will be very detailed instructions given to staff for how to prevent this, and the library will also look into other measures such as checking to make sure the pipes are insulated and sealing off areas that might be letting cold air into the attic space. The library was given a hutch top, and an anonymous donation was given to the library to build a matching base.

Given no other business or action items, Ken Wright moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Jerry Watzlawick seconded the motion and all trustees voted aye.

Connie Kinsella, Board Secretary