Bell Memorial Library Board of Trustee Minutes.

November 21, 2024

Present: Jeff Long, Julie Simone, Margaret Grosse, Carol Thompson, Pete Piraino

Absent: Ellyn Hotchkiss

Community Forum: None

Convene: Jeff Long called the meeting to order at 6:37.

Minutes: The motion to accept the minutes of October 17, 2024, was made by Julie Simone seconded by Carol Thompson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Discussed the October withdrawals from the Sweep Account. Patty Galbraith checked, on 10/4 \$5000.00 and on 10/15 \$12000.00 were withdrawn from the Sweep Account. With this noted, the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bills of the Evening was made by Pete Piraino, seconded by Julie Simone. Carried.

Director's Report:

An error was made in the 2025 Holiday dates which was corrected (see Old Business).

Vinnie Hart changed the battery in the office smoke detector. On 11/19, he took measurements for the parking lot and sidewalk.

\$1591.00 has been allocated for OWWL2go.

There was one child and five adults at the Halloween stories on 10/24. Julie Simone was dressed as Spider and did a fantastic job.

Jill Pipi has started a once a month craft session. It is limited to 8, sign-up is required, there is a small fee fee to cover cost of materials. The first session was 11/9 with 4 in attendance. The next session is 12/7.

The tree stumps were removed 11/9.

Sam Vogt was here on 11/19 to work on the ramp filling in the base of each railing post with mortar. He also sanded and repainted part of the railing that was peeling. After Thanksgiving he will put a new piece on the end of the railing and caulk the crack in front of the door.

'Maste Management is eliminating the Sticker Service Program that the library used.

The library received a letter from the Village regarding the galvanized water pipe that will eventually need replacing.

The library received a letter from the Ska-Hase-Ga-O chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). The librarian will select 3 books from their list which will be sent to the library. The package will include patriotic decorations of their choice.

Reminded the Board of the need to complete 2 hours of trustee education

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Old Business:

2025 Holiday dates

Mandated holidays: January 1, June 19, July 4, November 27, December 25 Requested full days: November 28, December 24, December 26, December 31

Requested half days: July 5, November 26

Pete Piraino reviewed library expansion information: Hark Homes, roof, sidewalk, parking area, water pipe, generator. Discussed a bay window, television, DVD.

Patty Galbraith discussed the pros and cons of the current circulation desk.

The 2025 budget will include purchasing new computers through OWWL which will not include disposing of the old computers. Julie Simone stated she would be able to dispose of the computers through Shift2 where she has been a volunteer in the past.

New Business:

Pete Piraino referenced the article "Librarians Face Crisis of Violence and Abuse". Discussion ensued. Patty Galbraith explained this type of discussions she has had and will continue to have with staff.

The next scheduled Board meeting is December 19, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Adjourn: The motion to Adjourn was made by Jeff Long, seconded by Margaret Grosse. Carried. Adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Grosse