

BREESE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Secretary's Report - 08/13/24

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by President Angie Becker.

Trustees present: Angie Becker, Gwen Fischer, Mary Heeren, Judy Kampwerth, Allison Netemeyer, Jim Sprengel and Jean Steinman

Trustees absent: Bonnie Holzinger and Cyndi Riley

Also attending: Library Director Kelly Zurliene and City Council Liaison Gary Usselmann

Secretary's Report: A quorum was established. Judy Kampwerth made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report and Jean Steinman seconded it. The motion was approved with all ayes.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Fischer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Mary Heeren. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

Librarian's Report: Kelly reported on the following:

A. Programs

- Summer Reading Program Completion - 93 children participated
 - Local establishments donated prizes for the 50 children who read every day in July: Casey's, Dairy King, Motomart and V&H
- Library Storytime dates with Kim Miller are set for the Fall Series
 - (9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 and 10/17)
- Breese Junior Women's Club to host a Grinch-themed event
 - Set for November 30th

B. Breese Lions Club Grant Awarded

- The club donated a check in the amount of \$875.49 for new items and materials to aid visually-impaired patrons
 - The donation was used for: a digital magnifier, a book-size magnifying glass, Uncle Goose Braille Math Blocks, 10 VOX books, a portable CD player for audio books and a CD player case

C. Community Impact Grant (Pending)

- The Breese Historical Society has a pending \$750 grant to preserve and display the large historical flag that flew over the Illinois State Capitol after the death of Sidney Breese
 - A frame will need to be built to house the flag for display at the library. Kelly will look into getting estimates for the cost of the frame. The Historical Society will cover any additional costs. The grant won't be awarded until we submit the completed project.

D. Building update -

- Terminix - live and dead termites were found in the front foyer. Terminix sprayed on July 19th and will spray annually for termites going forward.

- Tree removal - a tree on the west side of the library is starting to rot and needs to be removed. Mayor Kevin Timmermann looked at the tree and said the city will remove it this fall.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. City of Breese is requesting short and long-term plans - 5 and 10 year
 - The Mayor and 3 members of the City Finance Board requested an informal meeting with 3 or 4 Library Board members to discuss 5 and 10 year plans. The Library Board officers will meet with them on September 4th at City Hall.

Jean Steinman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and Angie Becker seconded the motion. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

Angie Becker, President

Gwen Fischer, Secretary