

BEAMAN COMMUNITY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2024
5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attending: Tony Pieper, Ilona Roelsgard, Megan Moeller, Tari Hutchens

The meeting was called to order by Tony. Megan moved to approve the agenda. Ilona seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as presented. The bill list, monthly financial and circulation reports were reviewed. Ilona moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Tari seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no correspondence and no announcements.

In old business Sarah D. gave an update on the Discovery Garden and requested an additional work day, as all the rain has encouraged weed growth. She is looking at a grant from U.S. Bank to make some improvements in the garden. The work day will be Saturday July 27 at 9:00 a.m. She will ask Jerry Miller if he would weed whack the Oz Garden again and will keep trying to find someone to till it up. Debbie Ashton has said that her family would like to help revitalize that part of the garden. Sarah D. was unable to get a response from the barn quilt business in Sloan, IA and is still awaiting the proofs promised by Morningstar Barn Quilts of Des Moines/Florida. There have been no recent applications for the Librarian Assistant position. We discussed Sarah D's impending absence for training on Monday and Tuesday July 22 and 23. Megan asked her daughter Addison, who volunteers at the Conrad Library, if she would shadow Sarah one day and keep the library open in her absence. Megan would be available nearby if there is a problem. Megan also made a motion that Sarah be reimbursed for mileage and meals while at the training. The motion carried unanimously. Board training was a video from the State Library entitled Planning for the Future. The Summer Reading program ended this morning. A total of 81 people, including a few parents, attended the 5 sessions, for an average of 16-17 per session.

In new business, the board discussed Sarah D's annual evaluation and voted to offer her a \$1.00/hr. raise. She was grateful. She then discussed Heritage Center issues. She has examined a large collection of play books and re-examined the libretti brought to the last meeting. She has culled the duplicates, selected the ones in best condition and/or the ones with the most handwritten information and researched them in the old Beaman newspapers on line. She also ordered archival quality boxes to store them in, as there was still a little money left in the Heritage Center account. She has also received a second large donation of World War II materials that had belonged to Bill Alexander, a bomber pilot, and is conducting research and seeking funds for proper storage and display materials. We decided to table the review of the Strategic Plan until the next meeting and adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Dougherty