

BEAMAN COMMUNITY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
5:30 PM

Attending: Tony Pieper, Megan Moeller, Tari Hutchens, Ilona Roelsgard and Sarah Kitzman

President Tony called the meeting to order at 5:29. Megan made the motion to accept the agenda. Tari seconded. It carried unanimously. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as presented. We then reviewed the bill list, monthly financial and monthly circulation reports. There were no committee or individual reports, or announcements. Ilona moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Sarah K. seconded. It carried unanimously.

In old business, Tony reported that the Lions Club was interested in repairing the little free library. They will assess its condition and he will report during our April meeting. Sarah D. will call Little Free Library to see if they can offer us any more information about it. Discussion turned to the Discovery Garden. Denise says we can add a category to the budget for the Discovery Garden for next year. Ilona moved and Megan seconded that we add \$500.00. The motion carried unanimously. We reviewed the current budget and decided that we can absorb the cost of some new native plants in this fiscal year's budget. Sarah K. moved and Megan seconded that we proceed and order the plants outlined in Sarah D's proposal presented last month. We set two work days in the garden for Saturday April 26 and Saturday May 17. During board training she updated information about bills in the Iowa legislature that can be damaging to libraries, a database of information from ALA about books that are frequently targets of bans, and the impact of tariffs on book prices and availability. We then discussed plans for Memorial Day weekend. We are planning a quilt show for Memorial Day at the church. Sarah D. will distribute information about entering quilts in the show on Facebook, Instagram, the electronic sign and our website starting in mid-April. She will have a flier ready to approve at our April meeting. Sarah K. will create registration forms, receive quilts at the church and ask the Woman's Club to support this project. One or more volunteers will be needed to monitor the show on Memorial Day. Quilts will be received and tagged in the afternoon on Sunday May 25. The show will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday. Quilts can be picked up between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Memorial Day. The dedication of the barn quilt will be at 2:00 on Memorial Day, after the program in the park. Sarah D. and Tony will conduct the dedication.

In new business, Sarah D. outlined current plans for Summer Reading Program and noted that we have an Iowa Author speaking at the library on Saturday the 15th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Dougherty