

**Library Board Meeting
Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library
Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

President Jerri Bayse called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees Jerri Bayse, Bill Bertetto, Denise Cadmus, Don Chapman, Norm Emmons, Stacy Jarman, Vickie Laughlin, Cindy Saracco, and Librarian Mary Newman. Absent: Dona Hubert. There were no guests.

Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Trustee Emmons made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Trustee Chapman made a motion to approve the November 2024 Finance Report; second by Trustee Jarman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report: (Full report may be viewed on file.). Librarian Newman reported that Kringle sales went smoothly. Only 5 children visited Santa due to inclement weather. Mary will be off from December 17 – January 2 for wrist surgery. During that time she will be checking in to tend to matters that need her attention. The Per Capita Grant application will be completed by January 15 and submitted. The Library sold approximately fifty 1923 Benld Independent Football Team shirts designed by John Seketa who has donated all proceeds to the Library. **Trustee Cadmus made a motion to accept the Librarian's report; second by Trustee Saracco. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

Committee Report: (Actually given as part of the Treasurer's Report) – Vickie Laughlin, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that she felt the library needed to invest some of its surplus funds from our checking account. Trustee Saracco made a motion to allow Trustee Laughlin to contact Greg Craine and ask him to invest \$62,000 at the best rate available; second by Trustee Bertetto. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

City Liaison and Trustee, Norm Emmons reported that he had nothing new to report.

Continued Business: (a) CEJA Grant – Mary contacted Dan Fisher who indicated that Courtney was finishing up paperwork for the Grant and that a meeting would be scheduled next year. (b) The Technology Grant – Mary is checking on prices of computers (c) Webpage Update – Mary loves working with the new webpage.

New Business: (a) Approval of 2025 Board Meet Dates – **Trustee Chapman made a motion to approve the 2025 Board Meeting Dates; second by Trustee Bertetto. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (b) Approval of 2025 Days Closed – **Trustee Cadmus made a motion to approve the 2025 Days Closed Schedule; second by Trustee Jarman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (c) Committee Assignments – 2025 Committee assignments will remain the same as 2024 assignments. (d) Personnel – (Christmas Gifts) – **Trustee Laughlin made a motion to purchase gift cards in the amounts of \$600, \$400, and \$200 for Librarian Newman, Harold Newman, and Debby respectively; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** Trustee Laughlin will purchase the gift cards.

Items for Next Agenda – CEJA Grant; Technology Grant; \$62,000 Investment.

Trustee Emmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee Bayse. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Saracco, Secretary