Library Board Meeting

Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

President Jerri Bayse called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

**Trustee Hubert made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Cadmus made a motion to approve the January 2024 Finance Report; second by Trustee Bertetto. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Librarian’s Report**: (Full report may be viewed on file.). Librarian Newman reported that the Mobile Drivers Unit will be at the library April 30 and October 1. She will begin adult craft programs again this month. Preschool Story Time was held on February 12 and although only one child attended, she is going to hold another one at some point in time. The library will be closed on February 19, Presidents’ Day. The Easter Bunny is scheduled to make appearances on March 23 and 28. Eclipse glasses will be distributed in mid-March. Also, the library has received a donation of sheet music dating as far back as the early 20th Century. One piece of handwritten music is titled Benld March 1915. She is going to check with Michaels to get prices for possibly framing a few of these pieces for the library. **Trustee Saracco made a motion to accept the Librarian’s report; second by Trustee Jarman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports**: No reports were given

**City Liaison and Trustee, Norm Emmons** had no report.

**Continued** **Business**: (a) Remmert Trust: Trustee Saracco reported what she knew about the trust based upon an account statement for the fourth quarter of 2023 that the library received and upon information that another organization in town received about the trust’s disbursement of benefits. The fourth quarter report put the value of the trust at a little over $2,000,000. Our benefit from the trust will be based upon the market value at the time of distribution less any fees. A plan of distribution will be sent out prior to any distributions. Distribution of trust assets cannot be made any earlier than 9 months from the date of death. Robert’s death was July 22, 2023.

(b) Investments: The library received a check from the Bertetti Foundation in the amount of $65,000. Of this amount, $25,000 is to be invested. A discussion was held as to whether or not we wanted to add to this amount for investment.

**Trustee Bertetto made a motion to invest the Bertetti Foundation’s $25,000 plus $10,000 more from our library account in CD’s as advised by Greg Craine; second by Trustee Bayse. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**New Business:** (a) Bunco Fundraiser: Trustee Saracco reported that the date for the *Bunco for Books Fundraiser* has been set for Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m. at Amore. She has been in contact with John Baggio concerning the snack at intermission and a few other items. Trustee Bayse asked that each member donate $10 at the next meeting so that gift cards could be purchased for the Bunco prizes. Trustee Saracco will work on tickets and on advertising.

Before the meeting was adjourned, President Bayse awarded a plaque to Librarian Newman in recognition of her 25 years of service to the library. This plaque will eventually be placed in the library for all to see.

**Items for Next Agenda** – Remmert Trust; Bunco Fundraiser

**Trustee Emmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Saracco, Secretary