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**April 9, 2024**

**1. Call to Order-Roll Call**

President Kathie Butler called the meeting to order at 4:17.

Present: Kathie Butler, Nancy Mrozek, Mary Donnelly, Sandy Sporleder, Becky Borglin and Peter Sagala.

Absent: Mary McPherson, Donna Salerno, and Paul Ciccarelli.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Mary Donnelly moved to approve the April agenda, seconded by Sandy Sporleder. All ayes, motion carried.

**3. Approval of the January minutes**

Motion made by Nancy Mrozek to approve the March minutes, seconded by Peter Sagala.

Four ayes, motion carried.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Peter reported that as of March 31<sup>st</sup> we have a balance of \$1,400,517.91. The Sturgis Bank CD earned over \$3300.00 in the last 6 months. The Fifth Third tracking account has earned over \$1,500 year to date. Peter does not think the rates will go down, so for us this is good news.

Mary Donnelly made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's report, Becky Borglin seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Privilege of the Audience:**

**6. Business**

**Library update:**

- The garbage project is a no go. The place where we wanted to pour the pad is not allowed within the city ordinance, so we cannot proceed. I will leave the cans near the back door, but not block the exit. That is the best we can do.
- Julie hired Elana Sitrin for help in YS. She will be here seasonally since she needs full-time work and is a substitute teacher. She is fabulous and is planning on running a Spanish story time. We would love to hire her full-time, she's really a valuable find. We will also have Ella, who is a college student, in youth services.
- Julie hired Joe Biggs, who will help with both levels, and is very flexible for regular hours and filling in when needed. He will start on Monday. Addy will be our student upstairs.



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- Becky brought up the need for more full-time staff. She said the staff is the most important part of the library, and now we have the funds. She feels as people retire, we should try to attract working age people. The board agreed and will look at this when we budget for staffing in the fall.
- Tom is moving into programming full-time and will help out at the desk as needed. He took over the FOL Forums program from Bob Mueller. Bob will handle the Film group.
- Tom will also be working in the History room and on the project since Stacey is away on medical leave.
- Chad and Julie met with Ed Lijewski Jr. to get pricing on the construction of the history room project. We hope to have the total cost soon, and that would include cabinetry and furniture.
- Reminder that the date to file for the board election is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**7. Board Comments:** Becky said that since this week is National Library Week the Board would like to do something for the staff. Kathie said spend up to \$100 on a fruit and nuts gift basket. Mary and Becky will shop for the gift.

**8. Adjournment:**

Sandy Sporleder made a motion to adjourn, Peter Salaga supported.  
All ayes, motion passed. The meeting ended at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Borglin