

**BEAMAN COMMUNITY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**  
**5:30 PM**

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

President Tony called the meeting to order at 5:28. Tari made the motion to accept the agenda. Sarah K. seconded. The motion carried unanimously. In lieu of the October meeting minutes, Sarah D. distributed an infographic annual report of statistics compiled for the State Library's Annual Survey. It was also given to the City Council and to the County Supervisors. We then reviewed the bill list. Monthly financial and circulation reports were also reviewed. There were no committee or individual reports. Sarah D. made two announcements. 1. That we will be the recipient of 100 new children's books from the Brownstone Book Fund in New York City, and 2. She does not bring political discussions into the library.

In old business, Sarah D. extolled the virtues of her new Librarian Assistant Chloe Walters. She also reported the result of her inquiries about the bounce rate on the library's web page, updated the board on the situation with children's behavior in the library, and assured that the shipping issue discussed in September had been resolved to our satisfaction. Since the barn quilt is here, we discussed whether and when to have a dedication or unveiling. We would like to do this during Memorial Day weekend. Tari will check into getting a plaque made by Hutch to go with it. If that can't be done, Sarah D. will look into other sources and will consult with Kathy Bine about the wording. Board training was a brief rundown of recent book banning issues and a synopsis of the Trending Technology training that she recently attended.

In new business we discussed holiday closures. We also discussed the need to switch to Windows 11 and to upgrade the tower for the main computer. Isaac Good estimated \$500-\$600 for a refurbished Dell. Sarah D. will look into the possibility of a trade-in on our current tower and the possibility of a new one having a longer life than a refurbished one. We finished reviewing and revising the Strategic Plan. Then Ilona brought up the matter of Beaman's Little Free Library, which is falling apart. No one seems to know who is responsible for it. Sarah D. will inquire via the newsletter if someone would volunteer to take it on.

Megan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ilona seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Dougherty