

## **GILMAN-DANFORTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MINUTES**

The Gilman-Danforth District Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Jan Elliott, Barb Uehle, Jan Villwock, Judy Pree, Alissa Haase, Jill Cummings. Treasurer Cindy Guttendorf was absent. Director Renee Wellborn and Bookkeeper Beth Zirkle were also present. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read. After a review of the Treasurer's report, Judy Pree motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Jan V. seconded the motion. A voice vote carried.

The credit card bills were as follows: telephone \$80.42, programs \$47.91; books and periodicals \$141.06, supplies \$799.69 (\$715 for payroll subscription accounting software), memorial for LoAnne Schriefer \$791.82; Maureen Shannon memorial 1060.00. (\$1800 total bill). Barb Uehle motioned to pay the bills and Jill seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried. There was some discussion on what to do with the remainder of the memorial but nothing was decided yet.

#### **General Business**

Correction from last month's minutes: The mortgage payment made was \$16,104.45. Prospect bank did not request us to use the soaring money market account, but it was brought up because it had been a dormant account.

There was discussion on plans to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library building and burning of the mortgage. June of 2001 was the original groundbreaking of the library, and June of 2002 was when we dedicated the building. After some deliberation it was decided to have a celebration on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The celebration will be held in the Library's reading garden. Since formal invitations were sent out to key people for the groundbreaking we will plan to do that again. Some individuals are no longer with us but we can formally invite those who were present at the original groundbreaking, as well as their close family members. Some names that came up in discussion were Jim Jones, Russ Finley, Mary Noonan Ed Goldenstein's family (Sharon Borchers and daughters and extended family) and Greg Murphy. We will also formally invite the former librarians (Jen, Sally, Doris, and Vivian's daughters) and all former board members. There is still some time to come up with a full list of names. We will have it announced in the paper as well.

In the Director's Report Renee reported that the library is decorated with Christmas houses and Christmas lights. Most of these were loaned from Monty Sier (they were his dad's). Employee Ellie also made a book tree for display. All of the Angel Tree angels were taken very quickly. Those gifts will be picked up and distributed to head start families this week. An older couple brought 8 bicycles to donate to Toys for Tots. All programs are doing well. For story time 1 week we had 1 child attend and

another week we had 4 children. Tomorrow we will be doing an ornament decorating activity. Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> we will have Polar express day. Employee Christina made a train out of a cardboard box so the children can ride the polar express train. Bingo had 4 people attend. Coffee hour has been about 8 people every week and they are very appreciative of the program. The book club did not meet this month.

The Staff Christmas party will be held tomorrow night at Renee's house.

Renee wrote a letter to the farm tenant regarding the farm rent. She gave our previous check back and the spouse came to bring the correct check amount. \$854 is the correct amount based on the tax bill with acreage currently being farmed.

With no further business to be discussed, Jan V. motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jill Cummings seconded the motion. A voice vote carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by board member Alissa Haase