South New Berlin Free Library Budget Meeting November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

Board Members Present: Kathie Burnside, Laura Riddle, Carrie Lewis, Gary Smith, Samantha Kemnah, and Robert Decker Absent: None Staff Present: Robin Avolio-Director Public Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Kathie Burnside, President.

The agenda was reviewed and adopted on a motion made by Carrie, second by Bob, and passed.

There were no public comments made.

The minutes from October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Gary, second by Carrie, and passed.

Budget for 2025 was reviewed. The library will be asking for a 3% increase from the school district. This will help cover increases due to inflation. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Bob, second by Samantha, and passed.

Robin went through the 2023 Annual Report to the Community. Overall, there was growth compared to 2022. This information is available at the library.

The board conducted the director's performance evaluation and submitted the results to the director. The board approved the Director's salary for 2025.

Robin presented the bills. Robin requested reimbursement for \$66 spent on a Pennysaver ad for programming. Motion to approve reimbursement made by Laura, second by Samantha, and passed.

Regarding the construction project, there was discussion on the sidewalk from the new entry to the present sidewalk. After much discussion it was decided to get the engineer's input and we will go with their suggestion.

In old business we have accepted the quotes for both the gutter job and the power washing job. We are waiting to hear back from both businesses.

In new business, it was discussed that the library website could use a revision. There were questions on how long certain information needed to be retained on the website and could it be made more user friendly. Robin will seek guidance from Four County staff.

The next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Carrie Lewis, Secretary