

MINUTES
NEUSCHAFER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD
August 1, 2022

Present: Judy McGowan, Martha Bailey, Jaleen Hacklander, Bobbi Marks, Amanda D’Arcy, Naomi Peuse, Melissa Krause (Library Director)

Absent: Pat Hodach

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm by McGowan.

Director’s Report:

1. Summer Reading Program coming to a close this week - 156 children were enrolled, including the daycare kids. There were 44 attendees at the final installment of Bright Star Touring Theatre (Stormy weather that day prevented the St. Paul children from walking over). 44 attendees also came out for the Lynn Marcks Attic Trunk Show. Overall 205 patrons attended the four summer performances.
2. Website update - Incorporating suggestions to add history of the library and the strategic plan to show where we were and where we're going! Will build a page for local scholarships as well!
3. Strategic Planning - One year later and the process is complete; reaping benefits already with the reimbursement from Winnefox! The first steps of implementing the plan have already begun (like Saturday hours) but we need to develop our priorities.
4. Krause highlighted additional ideas/programs that are in progress as a result of the strategic plan as well: She applied for a grant to launch a video series, looked into Amazon Smile, placed a second order for Wonderbooks which have been a huge success, reached out to the Chamber of Commerce to pitch Lemonade Day sponsorship, looked into the Memory Café to host programs for individuals with Alzheimers/Dementia, and continues to seek materials to add to the language section. Discussion around a Lunch and Learn for how to use Libby also took place!
5. Overall YTD circulation numbers continue to track upwards, including ebooks and audiobooks. Renewals decreased from last year.

Treasurer’s Report:

Donation Checking account (Premier Bank) as of 7/31/22: \$50,890.62 earning \$1.21 interest.
Donation Money Market Account (Farmer’s Bank) as of 7/31//2022: \$21,462.75, earning \$1.41 interest.

We received a donation from the Fremont Invaders Snowmobile Club for \$150. Hacklander made a motion to accept, seconded by Peuse. Motion carried.

Marks presented bills/expenses to the library board, including the MBM bill, Century Link, Premier credit card, an invoice from Baker & Taylor, and Junior Library Guild for a grand total of \$610.50. Bailey made a motion to approve the payments, seconded by Peuse. Motion carried.

Minutes: Marks moved to accept the minutes of the July 5, 2022 library board meeting; Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Neuschafer Community Library Strategic Plan: Marks made a motion to accept the plan; Bailey seconded. Motion carried. Krause said she was willing to share highlights at the Village Board meeting.

Friends of the Library Update: Michelle Vandenberg shared several updates on behalf of the Friends. They voted to share their raffle license with the Village Police Department to host the Kids' Fishing Tournament. They plan to implement the Amazon Smile program. They confirmed that maintenance and painting of the library is maintained by the Village, but special projects like murals would be paid for by Friends. Frolic in Fremont fundraiser will take place on Saturday, November 26th. Their next meeting is September 12, 2022 at 3:30.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 5pm in the Village Hall.

Adjournment: Peuse made a motion to adjourn at 5:53pm, Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D'Arcy