

MINUTES
NEUSCHAFER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD
June 6, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by McGowan.

Director's Report:

1. Summer Reading Program is ready to roll! Krause recorded a video for the elementary school students to watch to advertise the program. The kick off dance is scheduled for June 8th. Flyers are posted, the DJ has been paid, and goodie bags have been ordered. Due to recent events, police presence is being requested. Marks suggested double checking with Village clerk about availability. Activities and performers have also been scheduled for the remainder of the summer program, including Pirate Captain Greybeard. The events schedule and bingo cards arrived and will be dispersed at the kickoff event. Prizes will be pulled the first week of August.
2. Krause shared update on the strategic planning process. Committee will meet on June 20th to add to draft. Focus is on innovation, inclusion, and community. The grant from the Thrift & Gift will go towards the innovation/community focus - Krause purchasing a small camera to create How To videos for online access and future Reading Rainbow style community partnership videos. Wonderbooks and Spanish sections are also a big party of the inclusion piece. Bailey shared that the Wonderbooks have already been a huge hit at her house!
3. Website update - Chad and Krause have been working on an updated website format. The landing page will have links to Infosoup, Libby, Overdrive, Tumblebooks.
4. ARPA Grant - The acoustic tiles for the gym were purchased through the ARPA grant and have been delivered. John Kohl offered to help install them and Krause is coordinating with him on a date.
5. The Winnefox System has officially recognized the undue hardship on the NCLB from Winnebago County residents. They have agreed to pay \$12,268 to compensate us beginning in the next fiscal budget.

Treasurer's Report:

Donation Checking account (Premier Bank) as of 5/31/22: \$50,038.17 earning \$1.32 in interest.

Donation Money Market Account (Farmer's Bank) as of 5/31/2022: \$21,461.34, April interest was \$1.36 and May was \$1.51.

Marks presented bills/expenses to the library board, including a reimbursement of \$176 from OWLs to the Village for the Mosquito Hill retreat, bookmark printing (an October 2021 order for

\$1.75 and August 2021 order for \$5.70), the cost for Pirate Greybeard of \$250, the acoustic tiles through the ARPA grant, and \$1655.00 and \$633.23 to Baker & Taylor for books and digital media subscriptions. Bailey made a motion to approve the payments, seconded by Hacklander. Motion carried.

Minutes: Hodach moved to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2022 library board meeting. Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

Bloomfield donation: Town of Bloomfield sent a payment of \$850. Marks will deposit with the village. Goodwill donations received in 2022 will be factored into the 2023 budget as a subsidy to offset operational costs for the Village. Bailey made a motion to approve, Hodach seconded. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library Update: No updates at this time.

Public Input: None.

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

Adjournment: Hodach made a motion to adjourn at 5:33pm, Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D'Arcy