

MINUTES
NEUSCHAFER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD
January 2, 2023

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

Meeting was called to order at 4:32pm by McGowan.

Director's Report:

- Current programs: storytime, book clubs, knitting, Memory Cafe
- The first Memory Cafe had 2 people, despite little (none) advertising for the January 2nd (holiday) date
- Not comfortable with Multi Level Marketing in the library
- Looking at: Lunch with Friends - take on as Elder program, Board Games, Family Movie Nights (now that sound tiles are up)
- Looking at ways to foster multigenerational engagement
- Questioning how to support shut-ins - what are the liability issues with staff traveling to homes?
- Purchased Summer Reading Program prizes during after-Christmas sales
- Need to expand Large Print collection - section is good size, but dated - to support elder initiatives
- Beat last year's circulation statistics

Board suggestions/input

- Interaction for Memory Cafe - Therapy dogs, Beaming Inc. Sparkle (mini pony)
- Consider adding number of new library cards issued to Director's Report

Treasurer's Report

None. Hodach made a motion that Krause can pay bills; Hacklander seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Bailey moved to accept the minutes of December 5, 2022 Library Board meeting; Hodach seconded. Motion carried.

Friends of Library: off for the holidays

School Library Update: school attendance was higher today than it was prior to the holiday break. Hopefully this is a sign of healthier days ahead.

Library Board Representation: The Library Board needs to consider a replacement for Judy McGowan, she is ready to step down in May. The replacement does not need to be a resident of the village.

Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) Grant, grants sized up to \$20,000. Due February 28

- How can we help support the elderly?
 - Programming

- Large Print Books
- Means of reading delivery for folks with cognitive disability
- Audiobook alternatives to Libby - device free - Playaways, Kits, Wonderbooks
- Krause intends to meet with Carolyn Schmidt on Friday to identify the best ways to support our community's elderly. She will frame grant priority areas after that and requests that board members stand at the ready to provide letters of support.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2023 at 4:30pm, Village Hall.

Adjournment: Bailey made a motion to adjourn. Hodach seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned by McGowen at 5:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Peuse