**MINUTES
NEUSCHAFER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD**

**August 8, 2023**

**Present:** Martha Bailey, Jaleen Hacklander, Lori Schmidt, Melissa Krause (Library Director), Norma Hernández

**Absent:** Adam Socha and Naomi Peuse

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Bailey.

**Director’s Report:**

* Krause shared that there are 113 participants registered for the Summer Reading Program; roughly 40-45 more with St. Paul's
	1. Weekly - roughly 50 story time participants (not including caregivers). Krause facilitates 3 story times to accommodate with limited space. Great problem to have but ultimately, more space would allow for more programming options.
* Kathak dance event had great turn out with about 53 attendees. Library received a lot of positive feedback! Encouraged to plan more cultural events. Krause submitted receipts to OWLs for reimbursement.
* Bingo board recommendation square has generated a lot of great ideas for future library services and community programs.

- Gardening and planting space

- Sport/activity days (like NInja warrior courses, nerf wars, dance classes)

- Increased accessibility with bike paths to the library - especially with limited parking

- Game nights - Bingo for elderly. Family game nights

* Programming - May need help or volunteers in charge of certain areas
* Krause attended Wisconsin DPI School and Public Libraries Workshop - one of 50 people selected. Received great programming, book, and operation information.
* WLA Conference in Middleton, WI from October 24-27th. Krause will lead as current President of the organization.
* Library Director's Summit will take place in Houston, TX from November 9-10. OWLs could cover scholarship if Krause chooses to attend.
* Looking to schedule LTC grant meeting - Krause created a survey to get community feedback on Facebook and on our website. Help coordinating this is needed!
* Krause is working with Norma to initiate bilingual story time for non-Spanish speakers and a program for first-generation children who do not speak or write in Spanish.
* Waupaca County Fair has a table for area libraries - Fremont will attend
* Circulation numbers YTD continue to track well!

**Minutes:** Bailey moved to approve the June 26, 2023 Library board meeting minutes. Hacklander seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Donation Checking account (Premier Bank): $50,374.08, earning $1.28 interest.

Premier "Fines and Fees" account: $2,271.67.

Schmidt presented bills and expenses to the Board. D'Arcy made a motion to pay bills and expenses, Hacklander seconded. Motion carried.

**Subcommittee meetings:** Amanda will email Personnel Committee to set up meeting. Budget Committee will meet Tuesday, 8/15 at 4pm.

**Friends of the Library Update:** Friends will be beginning their fundraising meetings! Frolic in Fremont set for Saturday after Thanksgiving - November 25th.

**Public Input:** None.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 4:00pm in the Village Hall.

**Adjournment:** Bailey made a motion to adjourn at 5:02 pm, Hacklander seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D'Arcy