

Neenah Public Library Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2016

Call to Order

The Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., in the Carpenter Conference Room. Members present: Randy Fieldhack (president), Carol Codner, Tom Widener, Merry Whipple, and Tami Erickson (Aldermanic Representative). Members excused: Jan Sarnecki (vice president), Beth Irish, Patricia Rickman, Lisa Hemes, Tim Kachur (Neenah Joint School District Representative) and teen representative Cassidy Kemppainen. Also present, Gretchen Raab, director, Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm, assistant director, and Katrina Wulff, youth services manager.

With Fieldhack in the chair, the meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

On motion of Widener, seconded by Whipple, and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to invoke Article 4, Section 4 of its bylaws, in accordance with Wis. Stats. 43.54(1)(e), and proceeded with a five-person quorum.

Public questions & comments

None.

Minutes

On motion of Whipple, seconded by Erickson, the Board approved the minutes of the Library Board Meeting of April 20, 2016.

Statistical Report

Program attendance is up 12% over last year. Electronic circulation continues to increase, 16% over last year. Youth circulation is up 3%.

Bills for Consideration

On motion of Erickson, seconded by Codner, the Board unanimously approved payment of the May bills.

Director's Report

The library will soon be circulating Speck air quality monitors. The library received a grant from 4-Imprint for items with the Summer Library Program logo to hand out at the Memorial Day parade. Wisconsin Public Television will host listening sessions at the library for a proposed Neenah-Menasha documentary – the next installment of Wisconsin Public Television's Wisconsin Hometown Stories series.

Department Reports

Youth Services: Wulff discussed the reorganization of the picture books and workroom remodel. Several parents expressed their gratitude for the addition of an evening story time and a school-age/homeschool story times. Summer Library Program registration is up over last year. The program will go through August this summer.

Adult Services: Hardina-Wilhelm discussed the Friends of the Neenah Public Library Spellapalooza fundraiser; asked for volunteers for the fishing program at the Memory Café in June; and described in-house activities for patrons -- puzzles, coloring table, chess, loom for weaving, and Scrabble.

Community survey and listening sessions-leading to a possible strategic plan

Raab will meet with Catherine Neiswender from UW Extension to discuss a community survey and listening session.

Next regularly scheduled meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion of Whipple, seconded by Widener, the board adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Raab