

## **Neenah Public Library Board of Trustee Special Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2021**

### **Call to Order**

With Rickman in the chair, the Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. via Zoom. Members present: Pat Rickman (president), Beth Irish, Randy Fieldhack, Tami Erickson, George Scherck, Carol Codner, Jenn McMahon, Nikki Winiiecki, Michael Koller, Lisa Hemes, and teen representative Lukas Schmerse. Member excused: Aneka Blenker

Present also, Gretchen Raab, director, Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm, assistant director, Katrina Wulff, youth services manager, and Nancy Baird, circulation services manager, Mayor Dean Kaufert, Meghan Odegard, Mary Braemer, Gwen McGannon, Lisa Robak, Elizabeth Ducharme, Jodi Schultz, Dr. Atif Qureshi, Rachel Koeper, LoriAnn Trelka, Melissa Kazmer, Richie Zaborowske, Lori Subat, Rabia Qureshi, Amy Molitor, and a member of the public identified as “KK”.

### **Public Comments**

Lisa Robak expressed concerns about the current public health situation and asked that the library remain closed until three weeks after January 1. She shared how library staff are currently providing services and assisting patrons.

Dr. Atif Qureshi asked for patience and said this is the time to stay the course and wait for more of the population to be vaccinated.

Mayor Kaufert shared his thoughts on the Library’s operations and his desire to reopen the building to the public.

Rachel Koeper shared her concerns about the library reopening and urged the Board to keep the Library closed.

LoriAnn Trelka described the current services available from the Youth Department and how Youth Services staff are helping parents keep their children engaged and active.

### **Building reopening plans**

Board members discussed current Library operating procedures, the addition of job-related computer use, and the current health climate. Erickson raised her concerns with the current hours of operation and the lack of Sunday open hours. Koller suggested utilizing volunteers when possible. Mayor Kaufert requested information on services and operations for posting at City Hall.

McMahon left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Winiiecki left the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Mayor Kaufert left the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

McMahon rejoined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

On motion of Fieldhack, seconded by Codner, the Board unanimously approved to add discussion of Library services and operations under the current public health situation to the January 20, 2021 Library Board agenda.

Director Raab stated the Library will add Sunday curbside hours starting January 17, 2021.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting**

Wednesday, January 20 at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Codner, seconded by Fieldhack, the Library Board adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm