

Neenah Public Library Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2021

Call to Order

With Fieldhack in the chair, the special meeting of the Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Members present: Randy Fieldhack (President), Pat Rickman, Beth Irish, Tami Erickson, George Scherck, Carol Codner, Jenn McMahon, Michael Koller, and Lukas Schmerse. Member excused: Nikki Winiacki, Lisa Hemes, and 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, Lisa Robak, Dr. Atif Qureshi, Rabia Qureshi, Kathy Eustice, Meghan Odegard, Amy Books, Lori Subat, "GS," Schultz, Lauren Mitchell, Sheri, Andy K., Amy Molitor, Gwen, Lexi, and Elizabeth.

Public Comments

Dr. Atif Quershi shared information about the new variants, i.e., they are more infectious and have different symptoms, concern about post-COVID syndrome, and recommended public places should have strict control measures and should not open for the public to come into the building.

Lauren Mitchell shared that she is uncomfortable with the Library opening. Mitchell questioned what the public is not receiving that is currently available curbside.

Lisa Laux-Robak shared information from the Thursday, February 4, 2021 Winnebago County Report.

Rabia Quershi felt opening the building to the public sent the message that it is OK for people to be touching surfaces and not wearing masks.

Library Service Expansion Plans

President Fieldhack shared his screen showing current Winnebago County COVID statistics and graphs. Fieldhack discussed the draft reopening plan. Board members asked for clarification on the plan, the criteria used in the plan, and reopening dates mentioned in the plan. The Board discussed mask mandates by the State, the City, and the Library. The Mayor shared information about the City mask mandate.

Koller arrived at 4:54 p.m.

Codner moved, Erickson seconded, to reopen the Library on February 15. The motion failed with Erickson, Koller, and Codner voting aye; Scherck, McMahon, Irish, and Rickman voting no.

The Board will discuss building reopening criteria and plans at the February 17, 2021 regular Library Board meeting.

Next regularly scheduled meeting

Wednesday, February 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion of Codner, seconded by Rickman, the Library Board adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm