

Neenah Public Library Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting of the Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees was held on February 21, 2024, in the Shattuck Community Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Koller.

Members present: Michael Koller, Beth Irish, Tami Erickson, Pat Rickman, Jenn McMahon, Randy Fieldhack, Joshua Kutney, Carol Codner, Lisa Hemes Alivia Haller, and Harrison Flint.

Member excused: George Scherck

Also, present Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm, director, Katrina Wulff, youth services manager, Mehta Hess, adult services manager, Clairellyn Sommersmith, Winnefox Library System director, Vicky Rasmussen, City of Neenah finance director, Shanah Zastera, Winnebago County supervisor.

Minutes

On the motion of Erickson, seconded by Fieldhack, the Board approved the Library Board meeting minutes of January 17, 2024.

Public Comments

4:07 p.m. Winnebago County Supervisor Shanah Zastera arrived and spoke to the Library Board about two resolutions she is proposing at the February 27, 2024, county board meeting. Shanah submitted copies of her two resolutions: M.15. Resolution 339-022024 Resolution to Oppose any Money being used for American Library Association and M.16. Resolution 340-022024 Resolution for Library Policy to Protect Children from Harmful, Sexually Explicit Material in Areas Designated for Minors, and supporting documents: Sample Library Policy to Protect Minors, Outline on Challenging Books by Kathleen Nydegger, Chairman of MN Mass Resistance, Montana Bill HB0234. Library board members asked clarifying questions.

4:20 p.m. Winnebago County Supervisor Shanah Zastera left the meeting.

Winnefox Library System Director Sommersmith discussed the content of the two resolutions and answered clarifying questions from the board.

Director's and Technical Services Report, Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm

Elizabeth Ducharme has accepted the position of Acquisitions and Interlibrary Loan Librarian. Parts for the electrical system have been ordered, with installation in April. The library will close when the work is being done.

Department reports

Youth Services report, Katrina Wulff

Library staff are collecting Library Stories from patrons about their experiences in the Library. The stories will be shared with the community on our website, in the library, and through social media, when permitted.

Adult Services report, Mehta Hess

Adult staff are working on collaborating with a local group, Photo Opp, on future programs to engage photographers after a successful program with New York Times photographer Erinn Springer. Cookbook Book Club started back up again after a eight year hiatus, with Dan Higgins leading the group. Another popular program was *Read Like an Egyptian: An Intro to Hieroglyphs*.

Bills for consideration

On the motion of Fieldhack, seconded by Koller, the Board approved payment of the February bills.

DPI Annual Report

On motion of Fieldhack, seconded by Irish, the board unanimously approved the annual report and accepted the statement concerning public library system effectiveness.

Capital Improvements Budget request

On motion of Fieldhack, seconded by Rickman, the board unanimously approved the 2024-2028 CIP Budget request.

Next regularly scheduled meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion of Codner, seconded by Fieldhack, the Library Board adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. Hardina-Wilhelm". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm