

**NEWMAN RIGA LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – BOOK CHALLENGE  
JUNE 12, 2023**

**Present:** Lynn Brown, Monica Blank, Pam Kissel, Linda Branch, Sandra Willson, Ann Marie Dean, David Gathmann, Kari Cameron, Tina Jones, Debra Landers.

**Call to Order:** President Monica Blank called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the Agenda made by David Gathmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Kissel-unanimously approved.

**New Business:** Board discussion and final decision on material reconsideration appeals submitted in May 2023 regarding the book *Queer: The Ultimate LGBTQ Guide for Teens* by Kathy Belge and Mark Bieschke. Board Members Pam Kissel, David Gathmann, Tina Jones, and Debra Landers each briefly spoke about their individual knowledge of the book. **Motion to keep the book in the non-fiction YA/Adult section as requested by the Director be upheld and deny the appeal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Marie Dean-unanimously approved.**

**Public Comment:** Eight members of the public signed up to speak. The general consensus of the speakers was that a person's right to read a book of their choice would be violated if the book was removed from the shelf. They thanked the Board for their decision to deny the appeal.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.**