

**NEWMAN RIGA LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 17, 2023**

Present: Lynn Brown, David Gathmann, Kari Cameron, Sandra Willson, Mary Christina Jones, Linda Branch, Pamela Kissel (via internet), Debra Landers.

Absent: Monica Blank, Ann Marie Dean.

Call To Order: Kari Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda made by Pamela Kissel, 2nd by Linda Branch-unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Members of the community requested a time to speak further on the Board's vote regarding the book challenge. Four members of the community spoke, and a letter was read that was submitted by another community member. Again, some community members still wanted to protest the decision that was made, some agreed with the decision that was made. The speakers were thanked and then excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the April 17th meeting minutes made by Linda Branch, 2nd by Sandra Willson-unanimously approved. Motion to approve the minutes from the June 12th Book Challenge meeting made by Pamela Kissel, 2nd by Linda Branch-unanimously approved.

Director's Report: Director Lynn Brown reported on programming, building & grounds (specifically with regard to the grant for roof replacement) , circulation statistics, meetings of the Fund Raising & Community Engagement Committee, and meetings she attended. Staffing was also reported on to inform the Board that Hannah Sheehan will be leaving the library and the need to find a replacement. **Motion to purchase a gift for Hannah to thank her for her service to the library made by Linda Branch, 2nd by Mary Christina Jones-unanimously approved.** She provided Board Members with special information regarding the decision to remain open for the last two Saturdays in June. She informed the Board of the profit made from the book sale and that she also attended a symposium sponsored by OWWL. A more detailed copy of the Director's Report was provided for all Board Members.

Old Business:

1. Roof Replacement/Construction Grant Update:
 - -Received approval of the grant requesting 50% reimbursement of the roof replacement cost.

2. Fundraising and Community Engagement Committee Update:

- -Kari Cameron gave a report on the dog show fund raiser that was held. The dog show itself was a huge success, however some vendors were disappointed in their sales at the event.
- The library will be participating in the Churchville Walkabout on Saturday, August 19th. The board agreed to donate \$80 toward free ice cream tickets for the Scavenger Hunt/Free Ice Cream Activity.

Following Old Business, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss the finances of the library.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking	\$27,989.
Business Savings	\$ 6,335.08
Capital Fund	\$18,938.
Bullet Aid	\$17,847.80

Investment and Finance Committee: David Gathmann provided a detailed report of portfolio to Board Members. He met with Mark Logan and they discussed future plans to start investing some of the cash in other market sectors that look more promising.

Budget Status Reporting: A detailed written copy of the Profit & Loss Budget Performance was provided to all Board Members.

Proposed 2024 Budget: Director Lynn Brown provided Board Members with a detailed proposal of the budget for 2024 with further discussion and the vote to finalize it to be held at the October meeting.

Next Board Meeting to be held on October 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sandra Willson, 2nd by Linda Branch-unanimously approved.