

Neillsville Public Library Board Meeting
Neillsville Public Library
409 Hewett Street
Neillsville, WI 54456
Monday, September 18, 2023
11:00 A.M.

Agenda:

Call to Order: 11:00 a.m. by Graeme Williams

Roll Call: Present: Graeme Williams, Mary Sladich, Maggie Gelhaus, Bill Neville, Logan Grap. Absent: John Gaier, Peggy Buchda. Others in Attendance: Janay Ziebell

Report on Notice of Meeting: Posted

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to file by Neville, 2nd Gelhaus. All aye.

Librarians' Reports:

Director Janay Ziebell – See attached report. Highlight: Kudos to Janay for the impressive Storybook Trail.

Children's Librarian Kathy Wegner – See attached report. Highlight: Kudos to Kathy for the summer reading program in which 86 of 114 participants completed the program.

Old Business

Discussion/Action: Office Equipment Update – Janay will research shelving and desks in order to get a quote. She will contact the school as new office equipment was recently installed.

Discussion/Action: Storybook Trail - covered in Director's report. A special thank you to Mary Sladich for the refreshments.

New Business

Discussion/Action: Budget approval-motion to pass the budget to City Council by Gelhaus, 2nd Grap. All aye.

Discussion: WLA Conference – Janay and Kathy will attend October 24 – 25, 2023.

Discussion/Action: Rotten Tree Removal – Janay will coordinate with Regan Barth for removal.

Discussion/Action: Painting needs on exterior of building – peeling paint around windows and below the roof. Janay will contact local painters for quotes.

Discussion/Action: Interior lights installing LED- there are 77 rectangular lights with three bulbs each that require replacement. Janay will request a power usage study from Excel and look for potential grants they may offer.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion to accept Neville, 2nd Sladich. All aye.

Balances and Accounts: Reviewed.

Next Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Communications: none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Neville, 2nd by Gelhaus. All Aye.

Director's Report September 2023

Story book trail: We have the new storybook trail in Schuster ark installed! This project was done with the awarded grant money of \$6,000 from Cummins/Atmus Filtration Technologies. Many of you attended the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting event on August 25th. Thanks to Mary for the delicious treats and refreshments provided for the event and to Graeme for doing the golf cart taxi-driving! Thank you all for your support of this awesome project! **This Story Book Trail project helps build children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor physical fitness. It's a Fun way to get families outside and moving and for us to promote literacy in our community!** Cummins/Atmus committed their work crew and workdays for installing the storybook trail. The entrance and metal archway designed to mimic the Grand Ave. Bridge archway at the south end of the trail is a work in progress from Kranzations metal fabricating company (Joe and Michelle Kranz). It will hopefully be installed yet this fall! (Fingers crossed the Homecoming Shenanigans will leave the posts and Storybook trail in good working order with little vandalism).

Bike Safety event: I attended the bike safety even and bike give away at the new Bike Trailhead near the new Opelt Park. I read our book about bicycle safety to the kids before they were given the new bikes and a little bike maintenance know-how from Mr. Dean Glaze.

Clark County Board presentations for reimbursement of services: WVLS and the Clark County Libraries and CC Library Board have attended the June Clark County Board meeting the finance and executive board committee at the County. We had great turn out of library supporters and representation along with a digital presentation to the Clark County Board for their June meeting. The purpose of this presentation is to show our county constituents the value of our libraries in the various communities in Clark County. So far so good! CC Libraries have been approved for an increase of reimbursement of services from 75% to 85%! **This still needs to pass the Full County Board meeting on October 10th at 7pm. We would still love a room full of supporters on that night if any of our library board members can attend! The increase would bring the equivalent of about \$8,000 to the NPL once the division of the funds is made.**

Staff Development: We have been having some staff meetings about every other month for one hour in the evening after closing. These meetings are a great time for us all to share our area of expertise at the library and what areas we need help or extra hands to accomplish the good things we are doing. Also, we take a little time to get a quick training on an area of customer service. End of August, we joined together for a meal at Speakeasy for a little birthday celebration for Kathy!

Upcoming:

WLA conference—Kathy and I will both attend for two nights in Middleton for this conference. Library hours will be having complete coverage by the rest of our amazing staff and substitute!

October:

18th from 3-5pm-- "Crafternoon"--Come for an afternoon of **crafting**, sit with other crafters and enjoy some **refreshments** and creative visiting around the table! We will have various crafting tables available for you to work with whatever creation you might bring to work on! **Bring your own Craft**, knitting, crocheting, stitching or woodworking project.

10th at 4pm—"Sneak Peak"-- This will be a sneak peek at our new releases! The books are all on high demand so the check out period is just 2 weeks!

November:

8th from 6-8 pm—Local Author Gary Foster, "Notes from the Trenches"- A Musician's Journey through World War I

Gary is a native of Neillsville retired Captain of the US Navy. He will be coming to talk about the book he wrote with letters and music his Grandfather Leo Foster, wrote while "in the Trenches". Great time to have a military themed speaker right near Veteran's Day and especially a Neillsville Native!

Children's Librarian Report September 2023

We had 114 children sign up for the summer library reading program. Of the 114 that signed up 86 completed their reading goal. The children who completed their goal received coupons from the various businesses in town. The children also had a chance to get an extra prize. Twelve children's names were drawn, they received a library bag, t-shirt, and other little prizes. Four teenagers participated in the teen program. The teenagers received gift cards. It was a fun summer reading program. The library had seven programs with performances by various performers. The attendance was good for all our programs between 50 to 65 people attending. Probably the one they liked the best was Zoozort (Noelle Bezio) because of the live animals.

Story hour started on Friday, September 8 and is every other week. Eight children attended the first story hour. They had fun making crayon headbands and back to school crafts.