



Nederland Community Library District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

5/31/16

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Library District Board Members: Jim Elder, Emily Fidelman, Karen Fletcher, Cokey Stapleton

Library Director: Jay Mann

Absent: John Adler, Andrea Begin, Dani Dillon

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments in person, electronically, or by phone.

MINUTES

Cokey moved to approve minutes of April 27th with amendments. Karen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Library Director's Report:

Jay submitted the following written report:

Building

I'm resolving a couple bills from M-Tech, i.e. whether they should be covered by the warranty from Fransen Pittman. The building has been comfortable.



Community Survey

I hope to put out a summary by the end of May on our website and in the paper.

Technology / Website

We now have a subscription to Mango Languages. Language resources were one of the most requested things in our Community Survey.

Children's Programming

The local students art show (students from the Nederland Elementary and Middle/High) went well. The Middle/High show had around 20 people, the Elementary show had 30+. We also will be introducing two new library cards soon – one with art from an elementary school student, the other with art from a high schooler. The chess / board game club will be taking a break over the summer. Celine visited all the classrooms at the elementary school to promote our summer reading program. In addition, parents received letters outlining the reading program and summer events. The kickoff event will be June 4th, from 3-5 pm.

Teen Programming

A handful of teens attended a SAT prep class taught by Kim Sibray. After speaking to the high school, it seems there is a need for it (free SAT prep). It would be worthwhile to offer it again in the fall (the majority of SAT test times are in the fall / winter).

Adult Programming

Our new resident artist is Mia Sole. We held an art reception on May 6th.

On June 9th Jane Wodening will be giving an author talk on her latest book, *Wolf Dictionary*.

Future programming – Bonnie Sundance approached me, asking me whether we would be interested in a climate change series. The topics could range from pure science to politics to economics. The format might vary from lecture to discussion. This week Bonnie and I met with Carl Schmitt, a scientist who works at NCAR. Our discussion led



to a couple ideas: a. it may be better to pitch it as a day in the life of a scientist series (so similar to a travel lecture) b. it might be a useful service to the high school students (career type thing). There are definitely a lot of scientists in Nederland and nearby.

Library Foundation

The annual book sale will be on July 30th and 31st.

Outreach / Marketing

I'm looking for a graphic designer to help with fliers and potentially the website. The going rate seems to be \$40+/hr.

Grant

The Foothills United Way is offering Community Resilience Grants. I will be going to an information session this Monday, May 23rd.

The group discussed the lecture series, marketing strategies, and agreed that beginning the series during the summer would result in lower attendance.

Trivia Night was reviewed, and future venues were considered.

Uses for the Community Resilience Grants were brainstormed. Ideas included directories for community resources, a tool library, possibly involving community demonstrations, wildfire mitigation information and speakers on the subject, Red Cross CPR training, especially in collaboration with existing programs through the Fire Department and School District, in-person volunteers for language programs, and driving classes, etc., for seniors in possible collaboration with senior citizen groups. Concerns included restricting programs funded by this grant to a classroom-setting to reduce liability. Related to this, the group discussed Good Samaritan law as might regard emergency response training for citizens.

Jay reminded Board members to attend the launch of the Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 4th, 3-5 pm.



Parking for the Foundation Book Sale will need to be accommodated outside of the church lot on Sunday, July 31st.

Jay reports good attendance at art events and highlighted student artwork to be used for NCL library cards.

President's Report:

None.

Vice President's Report:

No written report.

Treasurer's Report:

Andrea submitted reports accounting profit, loss, and balances. The groups reviewed and discussed these, and raised no concerns.

Communications concerning the audit continue.

Library Board Liaison's Report

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Emily moved to increase Celine's hours from 30 to 40 per week. Karen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Celine continues to be commended for her work, including attendance at reading program events.

OLD BUSINESS



The Board agreed to postpone a retreat pending full Board membership. Trustees are however encouraged to conduct visioning, especially based on previous retreats, and to record ideas.

The meeting room use policy draft was reviewed and Karen and Jay and will be forwarded to the State Library for any further advice.

OTHER BUSINESS

There is continuing discussion of partnering with the community for gardening programs, resources, and possible planting outside the library.

ADJOURNMENT

Cokey moved to adjourn at 8:35. Jim seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next public meeting will be held June 22nd, 2016 at 7 pm.