

NORWOOD LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

From: Alice David
Date: August 16, 2022

Members in attendance: Alice David, Kathleen Hartman, Steve Murray, David Fenton, Leonard Halpern

Not in attendance: Holly Scott, Denise DiVincenzo, Kathryn Boswell, Molly Andrasik,

Library Director: Amanda Jones

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on July 21, 2022.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Steve to accept the consent agenda, which was seconded by Alice and passed unanimously. Amanda noted that our income included an extra \$200 from NCLS for being one of the first libraries to offer the Senior Planet series.

After inquiry, it was determined that no conflicts of interest existed for any new or old business.

A motion was made by David to pay the outstanding bills, as audited by Leonard. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously. No irregularities were found in the audit.

Old business: Amanda provided clarification from Matt Corey at NCLS regarding amendments to the Open Meeting law:

- We must hold a public hearing of at least 5 minutes before adoption
- We should probably publish notice in North Country Now and at the Post Office
- We must have a quorum present in person to hold a meeting

A motion to adopt the Open Meeting policy was made by Leonard, seconded by David. The motion passed with Steve voting nay, but all others in favor.

New business:

Overdue fines: After discussion, a motion was made by Alice, seconded by Leonard, to forgive any fines outstanding that were 6 years or older; it passed unanimously.

The issue was raised of designating the NPL as a fine-free library. Amanda provided the following clarifications:

- If someone keeps a book out too long, they would still be cut off from privileges throughout NCLS and unable to borrow more until they are returned or paid for
- They would still owe for the cost of books not returned
- Amanda often calls when books are seriously overdue

A motion was made by Alice to designate NPL as fine-free under the above terms, seconded by David, and passed unanimously.

Alice brought up the new upcoming requirement for continuing trustee education for discussion. Amanda clarified that having Matt Corey from NCLS do a presentation for NPL (in person or Zoom) would qualify. Anything mentioned on the NCLS website under Trustees – NCLS events would also qualify, including attending the annual meeting. This requirement does not go into effect until January 1, 2023.

Amanda mentioned that we should hear back soon about the Construction grant for solar panels for which we previously submitted a proposal.

David made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve, and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be August 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the NPL Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice David