



**CITY OF NEWPORT
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 23, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jo Bailey called the Newport Library Advisory Committee meeting to order at 5:30pm on November 23, 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (4) – Jo Bailey, President; Christina Rahm, Committee Member; Barb Wilcziek, Committee Member; Anita Wasmundt, Committee Member.

Absent (1)- Beverly Bartl, Committee Member.

Others Present- Travis Brierley, Assistant to the City Administrator; Sara-Marie Malewitz, Library & Community Center Coordinator.
Roz Johnson City Council Liaison.

3. SECRETARY’S REPORT

Motion by Committee Member Wasmundt to approve minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting.
Second by Committee Member Rahm Approved 4-0.

Motion by Committee Member Wilcziek to approve minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting.
Second by Committee Member Wasmundt Approved 4-0.

4. LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Coordinator Malewitz shared that we have started a tutoring program. The Rahm family and the Malewitz family are involved in tutoring youth from Newport Elementary. Principal Richard Romano publicized the program which started Tuesday November 16, 2021. Tutoring is available Mondays and Tuesdays. This is primarily peer tutoring with some adult tutoring as well. November 23, 2021 was also a craft pickup day. Families picked up crafts. Youth may also participate in a napkin ring craft in the building. These crafts will be available November 24, 2021 as well. Coordinator Malewitz will be in from 2pm to 6pm. Committee Member Wilcziek will be in from 6-8pm.

President Bailey inquired about snacks for the tutoring program. Coordinator Malewitz shared that patrons are not eating in the building at this time.

President Bailey asked if the youth are wearing masks. Coordinator Malewitz shared that everyone is wearing masks in the building.

November 27, 2021 we will have an afternoon movie. At 3pm we will screen *Holiday Inn*.

The December calendar is full of fun activities. There are craft pickups and PAWS to Read. There is a History Talk December 8 at 6:30pm.

Committee Member Rahm inquired to the topic of the History Talk.

President Bailey shared that the talk is on how early Newport residents adapted to the Minnesota winter.

The Annual Holiday Review will be replaced this year with a Holiday Sing-along to be held outdoors on the steps of Newport Library & Community Center December 11, 2021 at 1pm. Local businesses are helping publicize this event by posting fliers.

Member Wasmundt asked if we will be providing refreshments at the event.

Coordinator Malewitz is hopeful that we would be able to provide refreshments as we did in the past. She is working on a way to safely do that.

The week of December 13-16 we will have *The Santa Clause* Movie Marathon featuring *The Santa Clause* trilogy starring Tim Allen. These movies will play whenever there is not weekly programming already scheduled. December 20-23 we will have a Winter Craft Week where youth may visit the library any or all open days to create various ornaments and crafts. We will follow with a New Years craft on December 30, 2021.

Outdoor Family Storytime with Washington County Library has started. A Library staff from Washington County Library runs this program the third (3rd) Monday of the month at Newport Library and the fourth (4th) Monday of the Month at Basil Loveland Park. In November we did not have patrons the third (3rd) Monday. The fourth (4th) Monday a family did attend. There will not be outdoor Storytimes in Newport in December but the library staff looks forward to returning in January and through the spring months.

January will be a lighter month as less patrons traditionally attend programming. There will be a Vision Board activity for patrons of all ages the first full week of the month to encourage people toward their goals for 2022.

President Bailey asked about Pumpkin Painting.

Coordinator Malewitz reported that we had a nice turnout of families the week of pumpkin painting. She hopes that this program will continue as it is a special and unique program for our community.

5. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bailey recognized Councilor Johnson.

Member Wasmundt noted that Councilor Johnsons announcements in support of volunteering at the library are why she became active with the library.

Assistant Brierley announced that we ordered two new shelves on casters for the main floor and they have arrived.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committee Member Wasmundt to adjourn the Library Advisory Committee meeting. Second by Committee Member Wilcziek. Approved 4-0.

The meeting of the Newport Library & Community Center Advisory Board adjourned at 6:02 pm on November 23, 2020.

Sara-Marie Malewitz,
Library & Community Center Coordinator

Jo Bailey
President