

Doland Community Library Board Minutes

The Doland Community Library Board met on April 29, 2021 at the Doland Community Library with Board Members President Betty Satter, Becky LaBrie, Jackie Hulscher, Martha Sierra Hernandez and Librarian Natasha Noethlich (present at the library), Heather Rahm (via Zoom), absent were Julie Schneider and Linda Hofer. Betty called the meeting to order. The minutes from the last board meeting were reviewed with Becky making the motion to approve them, Jackie seconding, motion passed.

Natasha presenting the group with a financial report. The Library City Budget has spent \$773.61 for the 2021 fiscal year (Libby, Books, Mailbox rental). There is \$25,180.55 in the Library Savings account. Funds available in donations \$373.60 Study Club and \$549.32 Divich Family. There is also the Stephanie Miller Grant of \$1,000 available that is designated only to the Summer Reading Program.

The librarian gave the Board an update on the library and shared that The Study Club will be meeting in the library on May 10 at 2 p.m. She will present the group with a short program on Libby, OPAC and new books the library has purchased. She also visited Hillside and Camrose Colony in the past couple of weeks to teach the kids how to use OPAC and would be hosting a couple of Zoom classes for the public to share with more of the public how the program works. Deb Wagner has agreed to paint a mural in the entry.

In Old Business, Natasha presented the group with five options for a sign for the library and wellness center. She also mentioned the wellness center is low on funds and their members have been incredibly supportive of the library and maybe the library could cover the cost of the sign. Becky made the motion to go with Option 3 and to pay the complete cost of the sign (\$176.00 before taxes) with Heather seconding it. Motion passed. Betty asked if Natasha had made any progress with a library sign on the highway. Natasha shared that she had contacted the State, but still needed to do some research on the matter because she had gotten the run around.

Natasha reminded the group she would be attending the Librarian Institute at NSU the week of June 6-11 and would the Board like her to contact Angie Remily to fill in for her. The Board gave her permission to contact Angie to fill in for her. She just finished one class online and is starting another one.

In New Business, the annual report submitted to the State was passed out and reviewed. A copy is available with Kam DesLauriers at City Hall, the library, and Betty Satter Board President.

The summer reading program dates were set June 14 through July 25 (6 weeks). The Stephanie Miller Grant can be used on several items but not food and salary. Natasha plans on having a Kickoff Party the first week (most likely June 14) with some sort of food served. She has several guests lined up for a fun summer of activities and there will be weekly projects available to do. There will also be something available for both adults and teenagers too. A letter will go home

with students preschool through 6th grade in the next week. She will also start promoting it on social media.

With the warm weather and a librarian with a crazy imagination she had a new project to propose to the Board. She has a plan drawn up to make the area outside the library into an outdoor picnic and reading area. An area that can be used for library activities, reading, picnicking or even a meeting place. After reviewing the plan and the area the Library Board agreed the area would be utilized. Becky made the motion to purchase two tables, two benches and one garbage can for the area with Jackie seconding the motion. The goal will be to have this area completed before the summer reading program kick off. At that time, it will be also a great opportunity to showcase the library and finally have our official Open House!

With no further business Jackie motioned to adjourn the meeting with Heather seconding it.

Natasha Noethlich
Sherwood Memorial Librarian