

Doland Community Library Board Minutes

The Doland Community Library Board met on August 9, 2021 at 5 p.m. with Board Members Betty Satter, Becky LaBrie, Julie Schneider, Jackie Hulscher and Librarian Natasha Noethlich present, Linda Hofer and Martha Hernandez were absent.

Heather made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting with Becky seconding them. The financial reports were shared with the group there is currently \$1,164.36 spent in the City Budget and \$19,750.48 in the Library Savings Account with \$1,425 in donations for 2021 (this is before the latest two donations received).

In Old Business Natasha shared with the group that there were 70 people that participated in the summer reading program along with 20 volunteers through out the summer. The Doland City and Doland Fire Department sponsored Dairy Queen Blizzards for the participants. She used the Stephanie Miller Grant to pay for supplies for the program and some of the prizes. All the food for the program events were either donated or paid for out of the library savings account.

The group also looked at the outdoor area and the board approved a bench that would be ordered in memory of Gary Remily paid for with the funds from the Remily Memorial. Betty mentioned it would be nice to order umbrellas for the area and that they could be out there during the hours that the library was opened. Natasha will research options and purchase them if they are not too expensive.

In New Business, the Board would like to Thank the Remily Family for the donation of \$3,769 from proceeds of the Gary Remily Memorial Triathlon and the \$50 donation from Kevin & Danielle Teigen. The Board appreciates the support the community continues to show to our little community library! The donations will go towards more ways to enhance the library.

The 2022 City Budget was also discussed. Natasha presented the Board with information on other libraries staff, budget, population along with their hours. She also presented two months of her timesheets with actual hours worked versus the hours she was officially clocked in. Her proposal to the Board was to increase her hours to 30 and to hire another employee for 10 hours a week. There have been numerous times the library has had to close because she was unable to work and couldn't find someone to fill in for her. After reviewing the materials and discussion, Becky made the motion to increase the librarian's hours to 30 and to hire a new employee for 10 hours a week along with adding \$500 to the Library Supply Budget that is used for books, Overdrive and misc supplies which would raise that Budget to \$2,500. Heather seconded the motion all aye, motion passed. The recommendation will be shared with the City Council so they can make the final decision with the 2022 Budget.

Library Accreditation was also discussed. Natasha would like to begin the paperwork to have our library accredited. This is one of the major requirements when applying for Federal Grants. Our library is already doing 90% of what is required to become accredited and the only thing that we are not is having the Library Board do 15 hours of continuing education. The library would also need to be open at least one more day with one of the evenings until 7 p.m. Jackie made the motion to start the paperwork to get the library accredited with Becky seconding the motion. Motion passed.

The next Library Board Meeting will be in October. Thank you to Greeley LaBrie and Cameron Noethlich who babysat for the Board members during the meeting. With no further business Becky made the motion to Adjourn the meeting. Natasha Noethlich, Librarian