



**City of Newport
Library Advisory Committee
March 22, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Geraghty called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members present – Nancy Wetsel; Pam Geraghty; Corb Hopkins

Board Members absent – Jo Bailey; Beverly Bartl

Also present – Jamie Smith, Library and Community Center Coordinator; Dan Lund, Council Liaison

3. SECRETARY’S REPORT

A. Minutes of the January 26, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Wetsel, to approve the January 26, 2016 minutes. With 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, the minutes were approved as presented.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Nancy Wetsel – Vogel presentation had 16 participants.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Commission welcomed Corb Hopkins as a new member of the Library Advisory Committee.

Jamie Smith, Library and Community Center Coordinator provided an update on what’s been going on at the Library and Community Center since the last meeting. The updates are below:

- Past Events:
 - P.A.W.S. to Read –was on February 25th. No one attended.
 - January Movie Night – “How to Train Your Dragon 2” was the shown for movie night on January 28th. Kids also had a craft project making dragons. 7 kids attended.
 - Valentine’s Craft Program – Kids made robots out of juice boxes and candy on February 11th. 6 kids attended.
 - St. Patrick’s Day Program – Kids made hand paint shamrock rainbows on March 12th. No one attended.
- Future Events:
 - P.A.W.S. to Read – There is one scheduled for March 24th.
 - Spring Craft Program – There is a craft program scheduled for April 2nd at 2:00 pm for kids to come and make a personalized bunny.
 - Genealogy Class – There is an adult program scheduled for April 6th from 1pm-2:30pm with a Ancestry presentation and an interactive tutorial on searching your genealogy. We cannot access Ancestry.com, but the presenter will use slides to show how the website works and will show other website available.
 - Basic Knitting Class – There will be a basic knitting class sometime in May.
- The city was able to provide two more computers to the library from the police department. Six computers are available. The oldest computer was retired.

Pam Geraghty – Is there any suggestions on how to get the word out more?

Jamie Smith – I send the notices to the elementary school and they are supposed to be posting it.

Corb Hopkins – How often do you do these events?

Jamie Smith – A children's one is once a month and P.A.W.S. to Read is once a month also. Adult programs occasionally as they are more difficult because I need somebody who has that skill to present a program. Craft ones with kids I can easily put together.

Nancy Wetzel – Does the scrolling sign outside the school ever do community events?

Jamie Smith – The Library events are supposed to be on the scrolling sign.

Corb Hopkins – Can the events be posted in the lunchroom?

Pam Geraghty – They used to have things posted in the lunchroom.

Nancy Wetzel – Do the parents still come in for Kids Club? A lot of kids are in the Kids Club Program so signs there would help.

Pam Geraghty – I think that would help to have the events posted at the Kids Club. When is the next program?

Jamie Smith – P.A.W.S. to Read is this Thursday.

Corb Hopkins – What is the P.A.W.S. to Read?

Jamie Smith - It is a reading program where kids that have a hard time reading out loud because they are self-conscious of their reading skills will read to a dog. Two dogs come to the library for the event. The dogs are trained to not respond to different stimuli that may irritate another dog.

Pam Geraghty – What is the age of participants?

Jamie Smith – A child has to be able to read aloud. Once, a child made up a story by looking at the pictures that could not read yet.

Pam Geraghty – Maybe we should talk to the reading specialist at the school. They have students that are at all different levels. We could talk to the specialist and maybe some of the students could utilize this program.

Nancy Wetzel – The social worker at Red Rock has a therapy dog. She bring her dog with her to meet with kids and for other reasons too.

Pam Geraghty – They do also have Title 1 students that may be able to utilize the program. Have you talked to the reading specialist at the school?

Jamie Smith – No, I've never talk to the specialist.

Pam Geraghty – I can talk to Mr. Romano, the principal, about that and see if the reading specialists could send home notices about the P.A.W.S. to Read to students that might benefit. What would it be like to have 10 kids show up? Would it be too many?

Jamie Smith – They would need to wait but there are two dogs. If a larger crowd came, the child would read to the dog for about 15 minutes.

6. LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Jamie Smith - We are working on getting one of two Legacy funded programs this year. Unfortunately, most of the Legacy programs are musical and need a larger space. Mr. Romano was emailed to see if we can bring the program to the elementary school auditorium.

Pam Geraghty - Is there anything going on for the summer programs for the kids?

Jamie Smith – The Legacy Program one would be for a summer program. The kids programs I like to advertise a month in advance. The P.A.W.S. one we will continue to do each month. She doesn’t mind no attendance and she doesn’t charge to come in with the dogs.

Pam Geraghty – Did you have it last summer?

Jamie Smith – Yes, I did.

Pam Geraghty – Jamie you are certainly working hard for us and the kids.

May 24th will tentatively be the next meeting at 5:30pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hopkins, seconded by Geraghty, to adjourn the Library Advisory Committee Meeting at 5:55 p.m. With 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Jo Bailey, President

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Brunick
Administrative Intern