



**City of Newport  
Library Advisory Committee  
May 28, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Member Laughton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present – Pam Geraghty; Sheila Laughton

Board Members absent – Jo Bailey; Nancy Wetsel; Beverly Bartl;

Also present –Renee Eisenbeisz, Executive Analyst; Jamie Smith, Library and Community Center Attendant;

**3. SECRETARY’S REPORT**

**A. Minutes of the March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Since there was not a quorum, no action could be taken on the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**Sheila Laughton** - President Bailey had asked if anyone had any comments or anything to say about the HPC presentation. I couldn't attend.

**Pam Geraghty** - I was there and it was really wonderful. Bob can just talk and is so knowledgeable. We didn't have a huge crowd but those that were there were very interested in it. He talked about how cities started and our area before it became a city. I think he said we had four or five doctors here.

**Sheila Laughton** - I know the first one he did was great. Hopefully we can talk him into another one. I was wondering if we had anyone interested in the paid position.

**Executive Analyst Eisenbeisz** - Yes, we just hired someone and he had training yesterday. He just graduated from the University of Wisconsin and worked at the library there all four years and will be starting an online masters program for library sciences. He'll work when Jamie can't. We also got three new volunteer applications.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

**6. LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

Jamie Smith, Library and Community Center Attendant provided the below update the Library and Community Center.

- **Photo Contest** - The Library participated in the recruitment of photographers for the Winter Photo Contest and is currently featuring one of the winning photos inside the Library.

- **Programs:**
  - **April 15** - About six kids participated in a craft project to make cotton ball sheep.
  - **May 31** - Ventriloquist James Wedgewood will be performing at 2:00 p.m.
  - **June 19** - A brand new program called P.A.W.S. to Read will take place at 5:30 p.m. Kids will learn about dog safety, what a stray dog is and how to read a dog's body language. Kids can also read to the dog for 15-minute slots.
  - **Bookawocky** - Running from June 7th through August 9th, the Library and Community Center will be participating in the bookawocky program through Washington County. Kids will have a library activity card, teens will have tic-tac-teen and adults will have bingo to complete for prizes either at the County level or City level
  - **Art Collage** - This is an ongoing program where patrons can come and make a square to add to the collage.
- **Volunteers** - The Library and Community Center got two new volunteers trained in and they'll be starting June 9 and will cover Mondays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

**Sheila Laughton** - How are we advertising this?

**Executive Analyst Eisenbeisz** - We typically post flyers here, at the Library, a community board in the post office building and a community board at Newport Drug. We also post it on the City's website and Facebook page. When we're able to, we drop off flyers at Newport Elementary either for posting or for kids to take home.

**Jamie Smith** - I can check to see if we can post it at the Woodbury Library.

**Executive Analyst Eisenbeisz** - We're open to suggestions. I've contacted the churches but haven't heard back from them.

**Sheila Laughton** - I've occasionally seen things at Super America but I don't know if that's a good place to count on. Have you thought about contacting New Life Academy, Hope Christian Academy or Natural Science?

**Executive Analyst Eisenbeisz** - No we hadn't thought about that. We'll contact them. We also advertise in the Bulletin and cable commission.

**Sheila Laughton** - Sounds good.

**Executive Analyst Eisenbeisz** - The next meeting is September 24 at 5:30 p.m.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Library Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jo Bailey, President

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eisenbeisz  
Executive Analyst