

**Regular Meeting
Nioga Board of Trustees
August 24, 2021
Nioga Headquarters**

Proposed

The regular meeting of the Nioga Library System Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

In-person: Craig Bacon, Charles Begley, Dan Haight, Jonathan Incho, Marcia Riley, Brenda Whipple, and Marilyn Zaciewski, Kristi Miller

Staff members present: Tom Bindeman and Laura Jeffery

Absent: Mary Anne Braunbach, Jeffrey Laub, Lisa Erickson

OPEN HEARING

There was no business brought forth in the Open Hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Begley called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Begley read a letter from Ms. Judie Glaser declining the opportunity to serve on the Nioga Board.

Oath of Office

Mr. Jonathan Danner Haight will be sworn in office on September 2, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Ms. Riley to accept the minutes from the June 22, 2021 meeting as presented. Ms. Whipple seconded and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Audit Committee:

The Monthly Budget Reports for June and July 2021 were included in the Board Packet. Also included was the Monthly Payroll Report.

Schedule of Payments

June 2021	
General Fund &SRF 2021-06G	\$72,736.13
LAA Account 2021-06L	\$ 60,902.32
Mr. Bindeman stated we had received 60% of State Aid	
July 2021	
General Fund &SRF 2021-07G	\$1,607.78
LAA Account 2021-07L	\$5,142.55

Mr. Haight Checked over the accounts and stated they were fine.

Personnel Committee

Ms. Braunbach will update the Board on the Executive Director's evaluation on September 28, 2021.

Program Committee

Ms Zaciewski gave an update on the Annual Dinner. Registration at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6:00 PM, Ms Zaciewski went on to say that Mr Begley will MC the dinner and then conduct the dinner meeting at 7:00 PM.

Buildings and Grounds

There will be a committee meeting for Buildings and Grounds at 5:00 PM, September 28, 2021 prior to the regular board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sexual Harassment Workshop

Mr. Begley updated the Board on the Sexual Harassment Prevention for Trustees ZOOM Workshop. There were 44 participants, and it was well planned and prepared for us by the Attorneys who presented it.

Updated Plan of Service is being worked on.

Grants/Funds to member libraries was included in the Board Packet.

Change of date for the next Board meeting the new date is September 28, 2021 (October 5, 2021 cancelled)

Committee Charge,

Finance and Audit; Prepare and review Budget for FY2022
Mr. Haight will review the Budget

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Automation Association (LAA) review of the FY2022 proposed budget were included in; your Board Packet.

Member Library Statistics were included in your Board Packet.

Member Library reopening update

Tom Bindeman gave an update that most all Libraries are meeting the minimum standards.

Pandemic Update

Tom Bindeman gave an update that some Libraries are still requesting patrons to wear a mask upon entering the building.

Communication, Advocacy and Outreach Report

Tom Bindeman stated that the FY2021/2022 State Construction Grant Program: \$927,580, still waiting on the okays and that hopefully soon we will see the Grant money.

Update on State Construction Grant Program FY2019/2021

Tom Bindeman stated this has to be renewed every year.

Update on member library annual report

Tom Bindeman reported that all reports are completed and sent in. he also said that Lisa Erickson is working on a few state questions.

Update on Newfane Public Library

Tom Bindeman first stated that Newfane Library Board is a School District Library. Kristine DeGlopper-Banks has been the Newfane library Director for twenty four years. Unfortunately their Chartered expired, the Board of Trustees felt it was the fault of the Director, However Tome Bindeman stated it's the Board of Trustees responsibility and not the Director fault. Tom Bindeman also stated the Newfane Board of Trustees is trying to go through the state to get an Absolute Charter

Youth Services Update

A closing report was included in the Board Packet

Extension Services Update

A monthly report was included in the Board Packet

MEMBER LIBRARY DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS, ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Tom Bindeman is concerned that Niagara Falls Public Library is in such disrepair, and there has only been two Board meeting for 2021. They are the only Library with no attendance to the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Begley announced two trustees are leaving our Board, this is their last meeting, Ms. Brenda Whipple and Ms. Marcia Riley. Thank you for your sincere dedication. You will be missed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented.

OTHER

None presented.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The next Nioga Board Meeting is: **September 28, 2021.**

ADJOURNMENT

Action: Ms. Brenda Whipple made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Marcia Riley seconded, and the motion carried. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Secretary

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