

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library  
Date March 21, 2024 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Amanda Peña (Library Director), Melanie Bloom (Trustee), Maureen Konwinski (Trustee), Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O'Donnell (Trustee), Edie Vaughn (Trustee).

**Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:31 pm.

- 1) **Acknowledgment of the Open Meeting Law.** “This meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Act is posted on the Baright Public Library website”. Read by Melanie Bloom.
- 2) **Agenda Approval.** Sharon Medina made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim O'Donnell. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 3) **Approve minutes.** Edie Vaughn moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Sharon Medina seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 4) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from February, 2024. There were no unusual expenses.
- 5) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from February, 2024. Generally speaking, there were more increases fewer decreases: e-reads were down, as were website visits and a decrease in new card holders. Wi-fi sessions, as well as meeting room uses and users, were all up.
- 6) **Strategic Plan Report.**  
Library Services
  1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
    - a. In February, we started our Early Out Movie Day for kids that get out of school at 1:30 on Fridays.
    - b. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we partnered with American Midwest Ballet to provide a ballet story time about Cinderella.
  2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
    - a. Once again, we'll be working with AARP to provide free tax help for seniors and lower income families. They will meet from February 6 to April 13.
  3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
    - a. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, we partnered with the city to bring back our house plant social and plant swap event.
    - b. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, we had our Seed Share program to provide seeds for patrons to share and take home.
- 7) **Technology:**

The city has signed a contract with Eakes to provide our printers and copiers. The new machines will be in place by March 29<sup>th</sup> (Currently waiting on a cord).

8) **Staff Development:**

None:

9) **Building Maintenance Report:**

None

10) **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation met for their annual meeting will be in April.

11) **Old Business:**

None

12) **Unfinished Business:**

None

13) **New Business**

Chapter 7, Section 1 & 2: Room Areas, Chapter 3: Section 9 – will vote at April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

14) **Public Comments.** No comment.

15) **Announcements.**

Next meeting on April 18, 2024

16) **Adjournment.** Jim O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting; Sharon Medina seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye:

Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughn. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.