

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library

Date July 18, 2024 Baright Public Library

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

Call to order. Meeting called to order by Maureen Konwinski at 5:30 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 Maureen Konwinski
- 2) **Agenda Approval.** Edie Vaughn made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim O'Donnell. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 3) **Approve minutes.** Jim O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughn.
- 4) **Financial Report.** The board did not review the financial report from June, 2024.
- 5) **Statistical Report.** The board did not review the statistical report from June, 2024.
- 6) **Strategic Plan Report. *No update for July***
Library Services - June
 1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 - a. On May 8th, the library stated using Tix Keeper, a software where patrons can reserve cultural passes online. The library has a new pass for Kiewit Luminarium which became available on the 8th as well.
 - b. Due to the popularity of our Thursday Toddler Explore Storytime, we are now offering one on Wednesday morning with Miss Angalina which started the end of May. This Storytime has about 15 in the group, very manageable.
 - c. Starting on May 29th the Kids Cruisin Kitchen supplied by the Salvation Army started serving free lunches to children ages 0 – 19 at 11 am. They will be at the library five days a week until August 2nd. Approximately 40 lunches per day were served.
 2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
 - a. On May 23rd we brought back our popular *Lunch and Learn* series. Every third Thursday at noon we will have a guest speaker come to speak about different topics with lunch provided by Abrahams Catering. Our first session we had the Nebraska Humane Society speak on responsible pet ownership.
 - b. Starting in May, the library started our first adult Storywalk *Novel Adventures* located in Oak Park. Every two weeks we sill change the book throughout the summer. Our fist book was National Parks of the U.S.A.

3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
 - a. During the month of May the library visited Ralston schools and provided promotional materials for our summer reading program.
 - b. Staff visited the high school to give out summer reading flyers and signed up 80 students with library cards.
 - c. The library produced our second mailer to promote our summer reading program. All Ralston residences who have a utility bill received the mailer.

7) **Technology:**
Nothing new.

8) **Staff Development:**
None.

9) **Building Maintenance Report:** *June 2024*
We received a quote from Dicon General contractors for \$456,420 to renovate the story time room into a coffee shop. Alternate plans were discussed after Amanda met with Pause Café and City leaders to discuss the plans. The possibility of altering the location of Pause to the south side of the building is being discussed. A new bid will be presented at a later date.

10) **Foundation Reports:**
Wiebe Foundation presented their portfolio composition for June. Wiebe-Ralston Foundation also approved Foundation grants for 2024.

11) **Old Business:**
None

12) **Unfinished Business:**
Summer Reading Program

13) **New Business:**
Policy update – Chapter 10, Section 5 – Demonstrators, Solicitors, and Petitioners Policy –
First reading approved, Final approval to be held at August Meeting.

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

15) **Announcements.**
Next meeting will be on August 15, 2024

16) **Adjournment.**
Sharon Medina moved to adjourn the meeting; Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughn.
Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.