

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
Date September 15, 2022 Baright Public Library

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

- 1) **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:30 pm.
- 2) **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 Tammy Aldrich.
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- 4) **Agenda Approval.** Maureen Konwinski made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Tammy Aldrich. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Tammy Aldrich, Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell.
- 5) **Approve minutes.** Maureen Konwinski moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Sharon Medina seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Tammy Aldrich, Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell.
- 6) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from August. There were no unusual expenses.
- 7) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from August. General overall decrease, may be due to the start of the school year. Only increases were in eReads. Library card issued was up slightly from August. Slight increase in Meeting Room uses (6), with 35 people using the room.
- 8) **Strategic Plan Report.**
Library Services
 1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs:*
 3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*

Plans continue for activities for the 100th Anniversary of Ralston celebration to be held the 2nd week of December.

Plans are in the works for the community educational advancements through and ESL (English as a Second Language) program, Citizenship classes, and Early Intervention in the Ralston Schools.

- 9) **Technology.**
We are working on a new website is up and running.

Staff Development: The vacant PT Youth Library Assistant position has been filled with Julie Hoogestraat starting on September 6th. Julie has an extensive background in early childhood development, teaching, and worked for OPS for the last 30 years.

9) Building Maintenance Report.

Progress has been great on the general update and cosmetic finishes are done. Voice and Data Systems rewiring contract was approved by the City. A federal grant will cover most of the costs for the new system. Work begins in November.

10) Foundation Reports

- a) Baright Public Library Foundation.
The Foundation will not be meeting from May until August. The Foundation plans to meet September 13th, and again on November 8th.

- b) The Weibe-Ralston Foundation met to discuss with the bank on Socially Responsible Investing. A proposal was submitted by Mark Adler. Discussions continue to find a compromise on a plan.

11) Unfinished Business. None

12) New Business. New Trustee member recruitment, 100 Year Anniversary, and Ralston's PhotoVoices project.

Public Comments. No comment.

13) Announcements.

- a. The next board meeting will be held on October 20, 2022.

14) Adjournment. Jim O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting; Sharon Medina seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye:
Tammy Aldrich, Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell.
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.