

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
September 21, 2023, Baright Public Library

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

Absent: Sharon Medina (Trustee).

- 1) **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:35 pm.
- 2) **Acknowledgment of the Open Meeting Law.** Read by Melanie Bloom.
- 3) **Agenda Approval.** Maureen Konwinski moved to approve the agenda, and Jim O'Donnell seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, and Edie Vaughn.
- 4) **Minutes Approval.** Maureen Konwinski moved to approve the August minutes, and Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, and Edie Vaughn.
- 5) **Financial Report.** Amanda Peña presented the financial report for August. There was nothing of note presented outside of regular monthly expenses.
- 6) **Statistical Report.** Amanda Peña presented the statistical report for August. Most numbers are up.
- 7) **Strategic Plan Report.**
 - a) *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 - i) The library sponsored a table at Ralston Chamber of Commerce's New Teacher Luncheon to welcome new educators to RPS. Almost all new educators from OPS.
 - ii) The library will host the *Acrylic Painting after Hours* program monthly due to the popularity of the August 4th event (23 patrons attended).
 - iii) The library applied for a Nebraska Arts Council grant to support programming for all ages led by Courtney Stein Cairncross.
 - b) *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs:*
 - i) Folk dancing for 55+ started on 8/23 and will continue for 5-weeks with Courtney Stein Cairncross.
 - c) *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
 - i) The adult Nerf Battle held on 8/18 had 25 patrons in attendance.
- 8) **Building Maintenance Report.** The library is seeking estimates on window replacement/repair. The 2021 Microsoft suite and 2020 Adobe Acrobat software is available on all public computers.
- 9) **Staff Development.** The Youth Services Librarian position was posted and will close on 9/22.
- 10) **Foundation Reports.**
 - a) **Baright Public Library Foundation.** No report. The Foundation may meet in October; they will need to recruit more members to the board.
 - b) **Wiebe-Ralston Foundation.** No report. The Foundation may meet in October.
- 11) **Old Business.** Edie Vaughn moved to approve the changes to Chapter 2, Section 6 of the library policies; Jim O'Donnell seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees

voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, and Edie Vaughn. The new Grogu library cards are very popular. Current patrons are getting new cards, and we are enrolling new cardholders.

12) **New Business.**

- a) The library will receive a \$15,000 allocation from the City of Ralston to help support programming at the Ralston Senior Center. These are not new funds, but rather a partial reallocation of funds that have historically gone directly to the Center.

13) **Public Comments.** None.

14) **Announcements.** None.

- 15) **Adjournment.** Maureen Konwinski moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim O'Donnell seconded. The motion carried with the following trustees voting aye: The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, and Edie Vaughn. The meeting adjourned at 7:11.