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

Date July 17, 2025 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Melanie Bloom (Trustee), Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O’Donnell (Trustee), Angela Ritchey (Trustee), Edie Vaughan (Trustee), Amanda Peña (Library Director). Board of Trustees viewed videos for the Roles of the Board of Trustees, prior to Library business.

1. **Call to order.**  Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:31 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 Melanie Bloom.
3. **Agenda Approval.** Sharon Medina made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim O’Donnell. Motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell, Angela Ritchey, Edie Vaughan.
4. **Approve minutes.** June Minutes were approved with a motion to approve, made by Angela Richey, seconded by Edie Vaughan. Trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell, Angela Ritchey, Edie Vaughan.
5. **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from June, 2025. There were no unusual expenses.
6. **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from June, 2025. Generally speaking, there were more increases for June, compared to May, with a large increase in the new Categories of “Programs” and “Attendance”. Year to year percentages were mixed.
7. **Strategic Plan Report.**

Library Services

1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability.*
   1. On June 1st, we held our annual Summer Reading Kick-Off Party from 2:00 – 4:00. The Library had a balloon artist, face painter, provided a bounce house and cake for attendees. Over 550 people attended the event with over 300 sign-ups for summer reading.
   2. Summer Reading Programs Highlights for June:
      1. Wild Life Encounters: 178 attendees
      2. Jeff Quinn Magic Show: 120 attendees
      3. Outreach at Wildwood and Ralston Middle School: 195
2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs.*

* 1. Lunch & Learn for June was a presentation by Omaha Miniature Guild. We had food provided by Farmhouse Café with 23 people attending the event.

* 1. Due to the success of our Lunch and Learn program, we debuted our Brunch and Learn on the second Saturday every month for adults to attend who may work during the week. Our first B&L was provided by No Empty Pots with food provided by the Farmhouse Café with 23 people attending.

1. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*

* + - 1. As of the end of June we have sold 58 mugs and 33 bags for a total profit of $860.

1. **Technology:**

We received our two new AWE stations for the Children’s Room.

1. **Staff Development**:

None

1. **Building Maintenance Report:**

None

11)  **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation did not meet in June.

12) **Unfinished Business:**

CE Trustee Academy.

13) **New Business:**

Chapter 4, Section 1: Library Card Policy and Reciprocal Borrowers, Review of entire Chapter 5: Collection Development and Chapter 7: Library Facilities.

14**) Public Comments.**

No comment.

15) **Announcements.**

Our next meeting will be on August 21.

16) **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn made by Sharon, seconded by Angela. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell, Angela Ritchey, Edie Vaughan, and Melanie Bloom. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.