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

Date September 18, 2025 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O’Donnell (Trustee), Angela Ritchey (Trustee), Edie Vaughan (Trustee), Melanie Bloom (Trustee) absent, Amanda Peña (Via Conference Call) (Library Director).

1. **Call to order.**  Meeting called to order by Edie Vaughan at 6:28 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 Edie Vaughan.
3. **Agenda Approval.** Sharon Medina made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Angela Ritchey. Motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell, Angela Ritchey, Edie Vaughan.
4. **Approve minutes.** August Minutes revised version, will be on the agenda to approve in October.
5. **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from August, 2025. There were no unusual expenses.
6. **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from August, 2025. Generally speaking, there were more decreases for August, compared to July, with a decrease 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. From August 1 to 19, the library took a programming break after summer reading.
   2. We partnered with Root and Roar Yoga to provide a story time on August 26.
2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs.*

* 1. Lunch & Learn had a presentation from the Millard and Papillion Lions Club with food provided by Farmhouse Café. We had 10 people attend.

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

* + - 1. We attended the annual new teachers lunch for Ralston School District on August 8th.
      2. The Library Board of Trustees has received their three year accreditation from the Nebraska Library Commission by earning 20 hours of continuing education credits.

1. **Technology:**

None

1. **Staff Development**:

We will be hiring in August to fill the missing Library Assistant position.

1. **Building Maintenance Report:**

We are having the library’s security cameras updated and adding cameras to certain areas for safety.

The city approved the update of $22,782.73. That process should begin by mid October.

11)  **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation did not meet in August.

12) **Unfinished Business:**

Chapter 9 Public Conduct, Section 2: Unattended children.

13) **New Business:**

Chapter 6: Section 3 and 5. Chapter 4: Use of Materials.

14**) Public Comments.**

No comment.

15) **Announcements.**

Our next meeting will be on October 16th.

16) **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn made by Sharon Medina, seconded by Jim O’Donnell. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell, Angela Ritchey, Edie Vaughan. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.