

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
Date January 19, 2023 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Amanda Peña (Library Director), 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 6:31 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.** Maureen Konwinski made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Sharon Medina. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Melanie Bloom.
- 4) **Approve minutes.** Maureen moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Sharon Medina seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Melanie Bloom.
- 5) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from December, 2022. There were no unusual expenses.
- 6) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from November and December. Generally speaking, almost all areas in November were substantially up in percentages over October numbers, but December numbers were down. This could be due to the activities around the holidays, with special events drawing in large numbers.
- 7) **Strategic Plan Report.**
Library Services
 1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 - a. Now offering a weekly Adult Craft Night for adults. Different crafts will be offered weekly. The new Cultural Pass Program was a popular addition to the library community.
 - b. Food donations to the Ralston High School R-Pantry were collected in lieu of fines and fees owed.
 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.*
 - a. The library celebrated their 100-year anniversary with a party on December 13. The event was well-attended.
 - b. 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.
- 8) **Technology.**

The new website is up and running and plans to migration from the shared ILS with Omaha Public Library's Sierra to Apollo is complete.
- 9) **Staff Development:**

3 applicants have been selected for interviews in January for the Assistant Director Position.

9) **Building Maintenance Report.**

Water damage from a burst pipe caused some damage but quick responses from the Police and Fire Department minimized the potential for more extensive damage.

11) **Foundation Reports**

- a) Baright Public Library Foundation did not meet in October. Current plans are to meet in February, 2023.

12) **Unfinished Business.** New trustee member recruitment. Selected candidates will be interviewed. More info in the weekly newsletter.

13) **New Business.**

None

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

15) **Announcements.**

- a. Next meeting on February 16, 2023.

16) **Adjournment.** Maureen Konwinski moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim O'Donnell seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye:

Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.