

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
Date May 17, 2023 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Amanda Peña (Library Director), Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O'Donnell (Trustee), Melanie Bloom (Trustee), Edie Vaughn (Trustee), Maureen Konwinski (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 Melanie Bloom.
- 3) **Agenda Approval.** Maureen Konwinski made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim O'Donnell. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Melanie Bloom, Edie Vaughn, Maureen Konwinski.
- 4) **Approve minutes.** Maureen Konwinski moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Jim O'Donnell seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Edie Vaughn.
- 5) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from April, 2023. There were no unusual expenses.
- 6) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from April.
- 7) **Strategic Plan Report.**
Library Services
 1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 - a. The library started circulating a telescope which was provided by the Omaha Astronomical Society.
 - b. Partnered with UNO, the library hosted an exhibit in the main area of the library that celebrates the history of 50 years of Black Studies at UNO.
 2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
 - a. Library is working with the city to start planning more events and resources for Ralston's senior population and the senior center.
 3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
 - a. As part of the Master Parks Plan, the library will have \$10,000 dollars to implement a free library of things collection purchasing recreational items like lawn games, musical instruments, and sewing machines. Some of these items will be available soon with the entire collection on June 1st with the start of SRP.
 - b. The library was given \$1,200 to purchase virtual reality equipment to use for programming and for circulation.
- 8) **Technology.**
None

9) Staff Development:

New Library Associate Eva Ellefson started in April. The library also offered a part-time Library Associate position to Ashlee Gibson, who also started in April.

10) Building Maintenance Report.

None

11) Foundation Report

a. **Baright Public Library Foundation.** Foundation to meet possibly on June 13th.

b. **Wiebe-Ralston Foundation.** No reports, grant requests were made for various groups.

12) Unfinished Business. None

13) New Business.

a. Changes were voted on for the library policies in Chapters 2, 3, 5, and 9.

b. Board of Trustees Officer positions will stay the same this year. Next vote for new officers will take place at the November meeting.

14) Public Comments. No comment.

15) Announcements.

a. Next meeting on June 22, 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, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.