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

Date February 20, 2025 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Melanie Bloom (Trustee), Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O’Donnell (Trustee), Angela Ritchey (Trustee), Edie Vaughn (Trustee), Amanda Peña (Library Director).

1. **Call to order.**  Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:35 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.** Edie Vaughn made a motion to approve the January Minutes, with Sharon Medina seconded. Motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell, Angela Ritchey, Edie Vaughn. February Agenda approved with motion made by Edie Vaughn, with Jim O’Donnell seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. **Approve minutes.** Edie Vaughn made a motion to approve the January minutes, moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Sharon Medina seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell Angela Ritchey and Edie Vaughn.
5. **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from January, 2025. There were no unusual expenses.
6. **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from January, 2025. Generally speaking, there were more decreases from January compared to December, but attendance could be due to the holidays and the weather in January.
7. **Strategic Plan Report.**

Library Services

1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
   1. We will be working with AARP again to provide free tax help for seniors and lower income families. They will start on February 11 to April 11.
2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
   1. Lunch and Learn for January was a presentation by our youth services librarian Megan Liu on how to make dumplings for the Lunar New Year. We had local business Dumpling Empire provide the food. Over 37 people attended the event.
3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
4. **Technology:**

On January 22nd our cultural pass reservation system went live on Local Hop moving from our last vendor, Tix Keeper, which went out of business.

1. **Staff Development**:

None

1. **Building Maintenance Report:**

Nothing new

11)  **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation met on February 11.

12) **Unfinished Business:**

None.

13) **New Business:**

Trustee introduction, review Strategic Plan and Technology Plan for 2024-2025, State Report, Community Board Policy. Review of 23-24 Annual Report.

14**) Public Comments.**

No comment.

15) **Announcements.**

Our next meeting will be on March 20.

16) **Adjournment.**

Angela Ritchey moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim O’Donnell seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell, Angela Ritchey, Edie Vaughn. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.